



Business is really picking up.

Scenes from the Hancock Chamber Beautification Committee's annual clean-up.

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Watch out for that cabbage!

The 37th Annual WCA St. Patrick's Day Parade rolled through Waveland Saturday.

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Pirates to storm Hope Haven

Pirates and hidden treasure will be the theme at the 5th Annual Hope Haven Extravaganza fundraising event. The event will feature hors d'oeuvres, dancing, a cash bar, raffles, and treasure chests filled with more than \$10,000 in gemstones which guests may purchase to be made into jewelry by an on-site jeweler. Tickets are \$12 advance, \$15 at the door, and are on sale now. Tables for 8 may be reserved for \$115. All proceeds go to support Hope Haven shelter for abused and neglected children. Call 467-7945 for more information.

On Monday, March 19, the shelter will host an open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 716 Herlihy St. to thank the community for its support.

Deadline to turn in political info

Friday, March 16, is the deadline to submit political announcements to the Sea Coast Echo. Any announcement received after this date will be published only as a paid advertisement.

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'No violence' at Hancock Middle School

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

There were no hit lists. No race riots. No pistols found. No machine guns fired in the halls. No bombs rigged. In fact, about the only problem at Hancock Middle School on Tuesday and Wednesday, according to Sheriff Steve Garber, was an unbelievably imaginative and fast-working rumor mill.

But rumor mill or not,

Garber said, he and school administrators were keeping a close eye on the situation, particularly in light of the recent outbursts of school violence, such as last week's shooting in a rural California high school.

"We've had about 12 officers here (at the school) for the last two days," Garber said Wednesday afternoon. "There were a lot of rumors going around ... and there have been a

couple of bomb threats, but nothing - no violence of any kind - has gone on at Hancock Middle School.

"Basically, we're asking the parents and children to just stop spreading these rumors."

Among those rumors were that one student had been found with a gun, that another had actually fired a weapon,

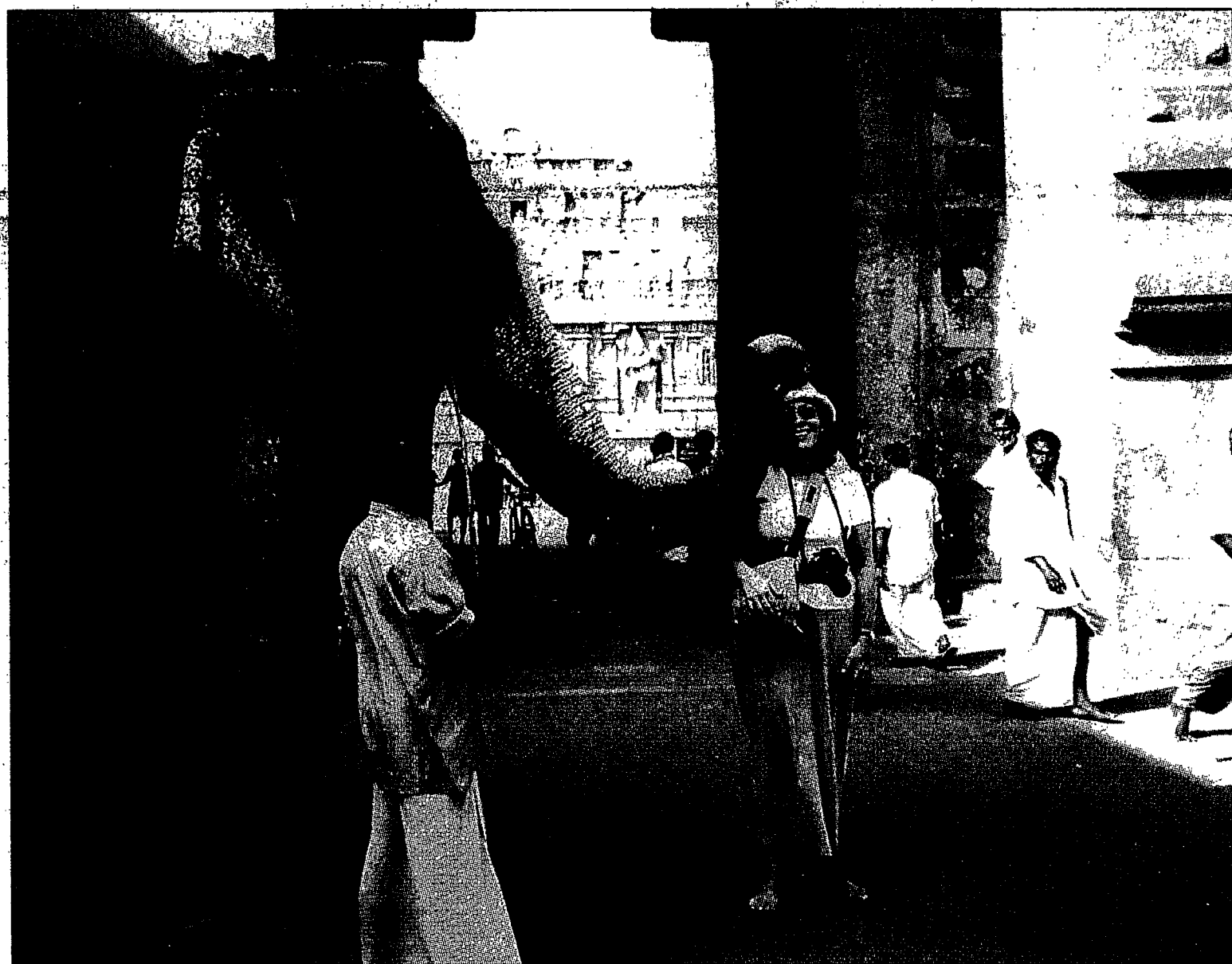
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Deputies wait outside Hancock Middle School Wednesday while Fire Marshal Richard Pate and others inspect the school after a bomb threat.

Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher

Good Karma



The Blessing of the Elephant at the Thanjavur Temple. "The elephant very gently taps the top of the head and blows on you," Anderson said. To enter the temple you must remove your shoes.

Photos courtesy of Allison Anderson

Architect takes Coast culture to India

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Every year local Rotary Clubs all over the world sponsor young professionals in the Rotary International Group Study Exchange Program, with the idea of making the world a little smaller place by encouraging the exchange of cultures on a personal level. This year our local District 6840, which includes clubs in Southern Louisiana and Southern Mississippi, sponsored four women as "cultural ambassadors" on a six-week trip to the Southern Indian State of Tamil Nadu. Waveland architect Allison Anderson was one of the lucky six.

Anderson said her first



The group gets a chance to get closer to camels in Agra.

shock upon arrival was the amazing amount of activity everywhere: "We had a two-and-a-half hour trip from the airport down the coast road, and not a space on the road was empty," she said. "Every car, bus, truck, every vehicle was filled to the brim ... and there were

bicycles, cows, goats, and people all on the road with no lanes - you just went where there was a space, but it all seemed to work."

Another adjustment was the food. "We ate spicy food for breakfast, lunch and dinner," said Anderson.

"I gained a new appreciation for spicy."

The team stayed with local families along the way, an aspect of the trip Anderson said she loved. "The hospitality was incredible," she said. "The family would give you the master bedroom, serve you first at meals, and the women would dress you in their own beautiful sari's and decorate you with their jewels. Your presence was trea-

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\$500 fee plan sent to P&Z for OK

Pullman fears appeals plan unfairly hurts poor

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

By a 4-1 vote, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors has reiterated its support for requiring residents appealing zoning decisions to post a \$500 bond.

At a recessed meeting Wednesday, the board rejected a \$100 fee recommended by the county Planning and Zoning Commission, and sent a resolution asking the commission to adopt the higher fee for those appealing zoning decisions to the board.

Last January, county attorney Gerald Gex suggested the \$500 fee, saying the cost of appeals was now being paid entirely by the county. He said appeals that have later been filed in circuit court can run

"Some poor souls don't have the \$500 to put up. ... We're putting poor people in a position where they can't appeal."

- Roderick "Rocky" Pullman, board president

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Stormy Weather



Thunderstorms deluged Hancock County Monday, flooding streets, yards and driveways in every community. Weather reports at press time yesterday indicated more flooding may be on the way.

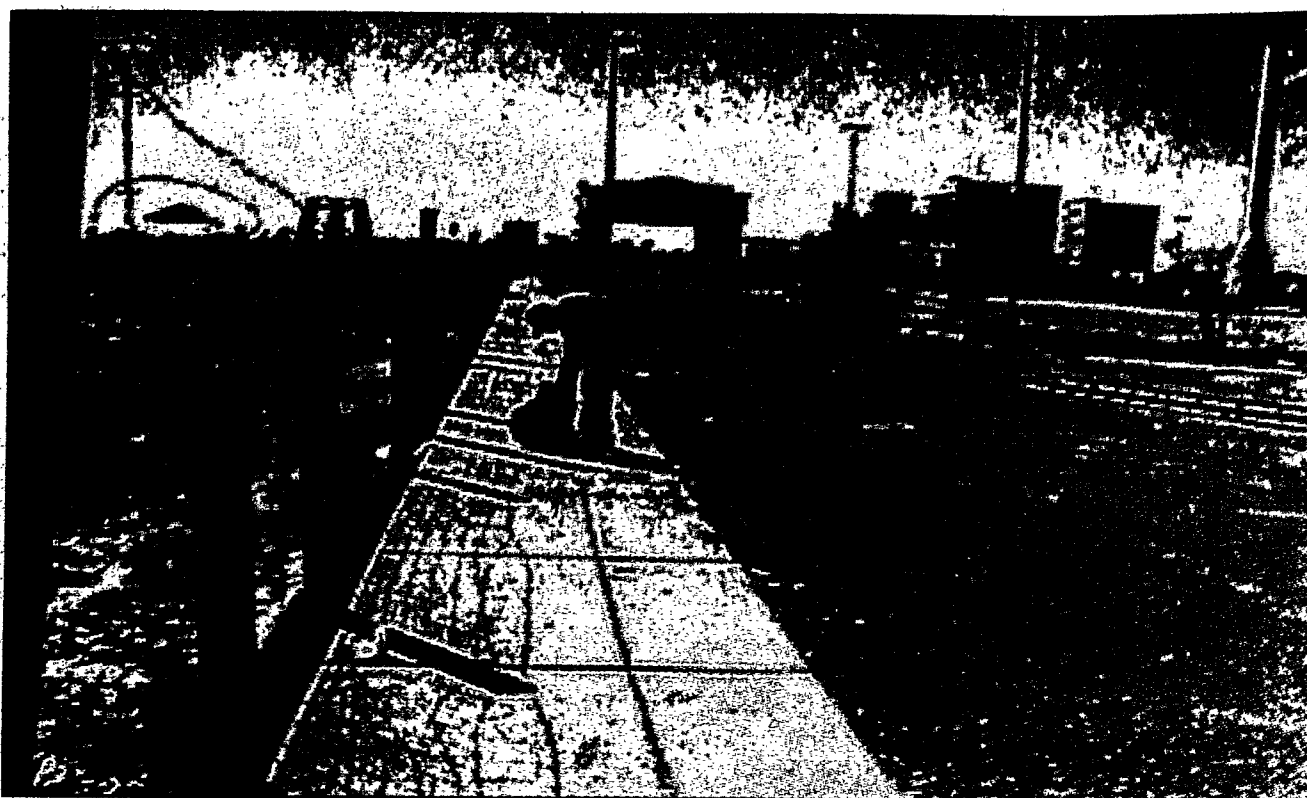
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Hancock Chamber Clean-up a huge success

Echo staff photos by Ellis C. Cuevas



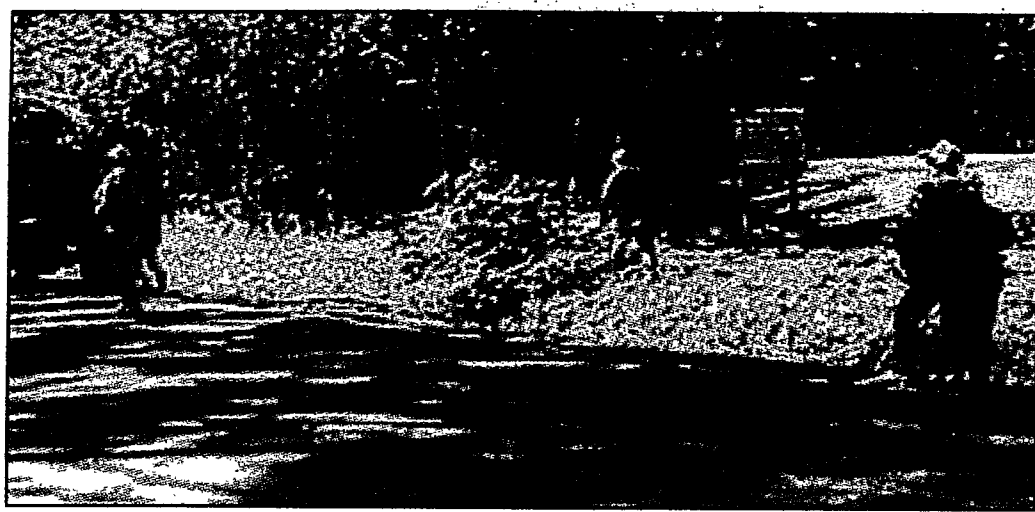
Betsy Ashman, chamber beautification co-chairman, checks a pile of broken beer bottles along the seawall near Bayou Caddy. Ashman said, "It looks like they have some type of game they play breaking bottles along the seawall which is very dangerous for beach goers."



Harry Wilson, chamber director, collected a large amount of litter near the old casino site at Bayou Caddy. A group of members of the Garden Island Civic Association and some residents of Lazy River Road joined in the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee's annual spring cleanup.



The John Anderson family are regulars at county cleanups. They reported there was a small amount of litter along Beach Boulevard and Coleman Avenue, Waveland.



Some 15 members of the Ansley/Heron Bay Civic Association loaded two large Hancock County dump trucks with litter from their community. Gordon Crooks, association president was leading the group as they cleared a corner at the Heron Bay/Ansley Road for the installation of an association sign.

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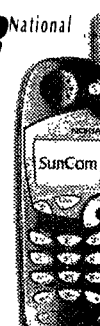
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Family loses all to a slow burning electrical fire

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

March 7th was not a very good day for Barbara and Rebecca Thornton. They returned home on that afternoon to find that their trailer home had been transformed into a large smoker, due to a slow burning electrical fire in several locations in the closed structure. The result was that the heat and smoke slowly baked the Thornton belongings inside.

Rebecca Thornton said that because there were no flames outside, no neighbors noticed the problem. Rebecca said that her mother, Barbara, noticed the smoke in the windows when she was returning home from work last Wednesday afternoon and asked her neighbor to call for help. The Waveland Fire Department responded to the call and found several hot spots in the walls of the trailer which caused the fire to slowly roast the contents.

"Even our angel figurines were melted," said Rebecca, who was at a doctors appointment in New Orleans on the day of the fire. Rebecca is four months pregnant and is unable to work because of complications in the pregnancy. "We had just started fixing a room for the baby," she said. "I was using a Noah's Ark

theme ... now everything is gone or ruined."

Rebecca said that firemen had to tear out all the walls to find all the hot spots and so all that remains of the trailer is the outside shell. "My mom had some insurance on the trailer, but probably not enough to replace it ... we don't know what we'll do yet ... right now we're staying in my aunt's RV at her house."

The Thorntons had no insurance on the contents of the house and are unable to even enter the remains of the trailer to see what could be salvaged because the insurance company has not made it out to look over the damage. Rebecca said they were supposed to come out this week. "I don't think there's much left though," she said.

The Thorntons need just about everything from dishes, to clothes, to baby things. "Any donations will be appreciated," said Rebecca. "Because we have to start all over." If you have something for the Thorntons you may call 463-0176 to arrange a pickup or delivery. Or if you prefer to make a monetary donation, an account has been set up under Barbara Thornton's name at Hancock Bank and donations will be accepted at any branch of the bank.

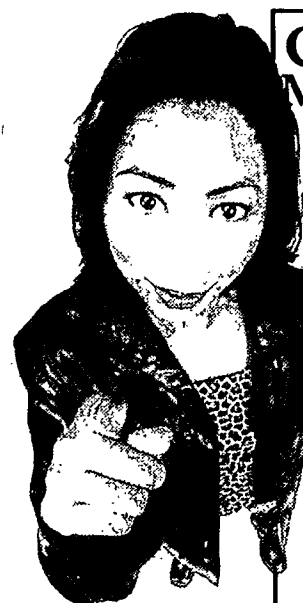


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Rebecca Thornton stands by what remains of the trailer home she and her mother, Barbara, shared in Jordan River Shores. The trailer and its contents were destroyed in a slow smoldering electrical fire last week.

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Dublin Street Band to perform in BSL Friday

St. Patrick's Day celebrations kick off this Friday evening at the Good Life in Bay St. Louis with a performance by the Dublin Street Band.

Now in its eighth year, the local band plays an array of authentic Irish ballads and folk songs. Led by guitarist and lead singer Matt Barrett, the group gets together annually to play an array of Irish tunes, have some fun, and spread a little Irish cheer.

Barrett said he originally learned some Irish tunes from a couple of priests - Irish priests, of course. He began to search out other songs and built up a repertoire of traditional Irish music that he played for friends.

The casual get-togethers with friends and several other musicians gradually grew into an annual performance by popular demand.

For several years the band performed at Discovery Bay in Pass Christian. However, as word spread about the annual gig, so did the need for additional space. Last year the band moved its St. Patrick's celebration to the Good Life in Bay St. Louis and filled the house.

Barrett said the band's appeal stems from the camaraderie and participation of the audience. "It's just like an Irish pub," he said. "A lot of the regulars know the songs and sing along, which gets the rest of the crowd going. It gives the audience an opportunity to interact with the band in an intimate, informal atmosphere."

The band has been busy

preparing for the upcoming show the past two months and has added several new songs to its collection.

In addition to Barrett, band members include Andrew Barrett, John Bezou, David Bosley, Scott Courge, Mike Masino, Matt McKiernan, and Don Watson.

The performance is slated to begin at 8:30 p.m. at the Good Life on Beach Boulevard in Bay St. Louis on the eve of St. Patrick's Day.

And is the band really Irish? Most of the members do have some Irish heritage going back several generations, and those who have no Irish lineage at all - well, Barrett explains, they do

a really good job of pretending, at least for one night.

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OLA freshmen host Lenten dinner

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The menu includes shrimp

etouffee, salad and garlic bread for only \$5. Desserts and drinks will be available for .50 cents each. Take-outs available. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from any 7th-9th grade student.

Koerners to host St. Joseph's Altar

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Koerner will host their annual St. Joseph's Altar at their home at 10066 Paradise Lane in Bay St. Louis on Monday, March 19. The priest will bless the food at noon. The event is open to the public.

Last try-out for StingRays

The last try-out for the Gulf Coast StingRays football team is this Saturday, March 17, beginning at 1 p.m. at Commagere Park.

Both veterans and newcomers must attend in order to be considered for the team. Team members will be announced by April 1. For information or for season tickets, call Matt Karl at 467-4404.

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OPINION

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Today marks the Pilgrimage day for the Bay-Waveland Garden Club as part of the 54th Mississippi Gulf Coast Pilgrimage.

Bay-Waveland Garden Club members have been very busy the past several months, and so have the owners of the eight stops on the pilgrimage tour.

This is a free tour. Folks here do not charge for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Pilgrimage.

The Bay-Waveland headquarters is the historic Bay St. Louis Depot, 1928 Depot Way at Bookter Street. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also at the Depot will be a transportation display and a Stennis Space Center NASA exhibit of spaceships.

Maps and brochures of the tour are available at the Bay Depot. On exhibit are the residences of Bay St. Louis natives Celestine Labat, 307 Easterbrook St., with hours of 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ms. Celestine was born in 1898. Yes, she is a centurion. Celestine and Veronica are daughters of Papa Joe Labat, who built St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church and many of the businesses and houses of Bay St. Louis. Their home is on the National Register of Historic Places and has many antiques.

The home of Elizabeth Veglia and Billy Ray Sanders, 209 N. Second St., Bay St. Louis will be open 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The home was built around 1915 and features mosaic pieces by Elizabeth and her mother Cecile as well as many of their artist friends. Behind her studio is a secret garden with a mosaic fountain.

The Hancock County Historical Society's Loblano House, 108 Cue Street, Bay St. Louis will be the afternoon headquarters from noon to 2 p.m. There will also be tour brochures and maps available. Also Charles Gray's History Center's small library and museum in the back will be available to browse through.

The home of Warren and Vicki Stovall, 107 Ballentine St., Bay St. Louis will be on the tour from noon to 2 p.m. In 1945 a front-gabled frame house was attached to an earlier cottage with an off-center gable. A New Orleans plantation butler's pantry and an old chopping block centering the kitchen are just a few features to see. Four registered moss-draped live oaks dot the yard.

The home and cottage of the Green Family, 418 and 420 South Beach Boulevard, Bay St. Louis is open 1 to 3 p.m.

This 'House of the Future,' featuring electricity at the New Orleans World Fair of 1884, was dismantled in 1906 and was floated on a barge to Bay St. Louis.

An octagonal-shaped dining room resonates the polygonal front of the house. The cottage contains antiques of the Green family.

The home and gardens of Phares and Elinor Frantz, 515 Nicholson Avenue, Waveland is on the tour from 2 to 4 p.m. From the living room one views azaleas, sasanquas, camellias, magnolias, oaks, cypress and much more. Study the old maps and paintings that hang in the Phares' office.

The home of Ed and Nora Wikoff, 500 Nicholson Avenue will be open 2 to 4 p.m. This house is one of four created by the division of the old Ulman Woolen Mill after it closed in the late 1800's. Look for the grandfather clock from Ed's family and the armoire from Nora's great-grandmother.

I am hoping there will be a large turnout for the annual pilgrimage. Usually there are folks from as far away as California making the annual visit.

I hope to see you at the pilgrimage on Thursday.

Monday was a day when the rains really came to Hancock County.

At the Hancock-Bay-Waveland Civil Defense headquarters on Ulman Avenue, in one hour two inches of rain fell, and the total on Monday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. was four inches, according to director Lynette Carbon.

It was not long before our drainage systems throughout the county were overburdened with water, and streets began to flood.

This winter we have had a lot of leaves and pine straw fall, and this helped clog the drains on many streets.

Cities and county crews were very busy trying to unclog the drainage ditches. Law enforcement officers were out in force to help with traffic problems because of the deluge.

I guess nature is still making up for last year's drought.

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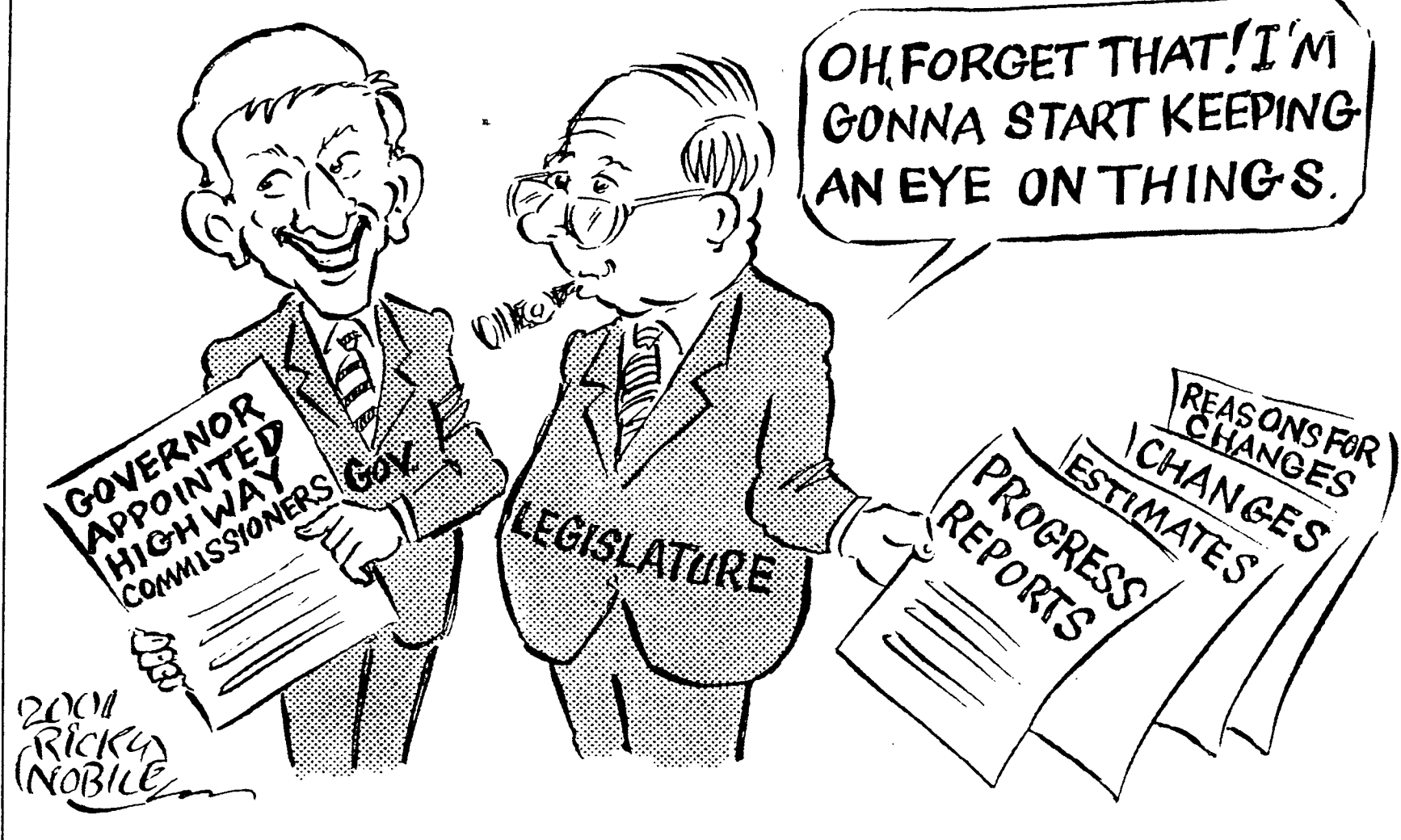
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WE'RE REALLY IN TROUBLE NOW



Letters to the Editor

To the Moon via Logtown, by William Wesley Taylor

Dear old Logtown has been leveled,
Every building has been razed,
The old timers have departed,
On trails their fathers blazed.

With tear filled eyes they departed,
From home to places strange and new,
To schools and churches that they built,
They said a sad adieu.

Those with grown up children,
Who have chanced to roam,
Must face the sad reality,
That the kids can never come home.

All up and down the whole creation,
Sadly they roam,
Way down upon Pearl River,
The old folks are not at home.

For home is not just any house,
Bought with government dough,
It's where a boy stubbed of his toe nails,
Where a girl kissed her barefoot beau.

Where a boy and his dog went huntin',
By the light of the harvest Moon,
Where the gang went swimmin' naked,
And dark always came too soon.

Where a boy always beat the sun up,
Did his chores before going to school,
Then hurried home in the evening,
Chopped wood and plowed the mule.

But now those learned men of science,
In their frantic race to the Moon,
Have erected giant test stands,
Where old "Blue" treed the coon.

Where once stood mighty pines,
And the vicious wild boar ran,
Now stands modern structures,
Runs hurried, over scheduled man.

Where once there were only cow trails,
And rippling streamlets ran,
Barge canals and highways,
Now go from lock, to dock, to stand.

But for old Logtown, dear reader,
You need not shed a tear,
There are folk still spending money,
Made from sale of timber there.

While busy saws and axes,
Cleared the country side,
Mister Weston shipped the lumber,
To markets nationwide.

Dear old Logtown really died,
When the last great tree came down,
And the lumberjacks departed,
For some other logging town.

Logtown is not a ghost town,
Doomed to eternal silent rest,
Like some that were created,
In the winning of the West.

No, dear old Logtown is not a martyr,
As some have eulogized,
But has a major role in the Moon race,
With her name immortalized.

When the Moon race is over,
And the Moon is our newest state,
Historians will surely write,
That the cost was not too great.

In future generations,
When men glide 'mongst the stars,
School kids will read about Logtown,
In history books on Mars.

Written on October 23, 1965

By William Wesley Taylor

Born December 9, 1905

Died September 17, 1966

Give us a better choice

To the Editor:
When the flag hits your eye like a big pizza pie, that's dumbore!

I too support a flag that would bring Mississippians together. Why do we continue to shoot ourselves in the foot? What happens if the Pizza Pie Flag looses?

The great American philosopher, Forrest Gump, gave us direction when he said, "S-I-W-S-D." Are we not at that threshold?

I submit to you, the wonderful people of Mississippi are color blind. We, as the great Martin Luther King said, judge individuals by the content of their character rather than the color of their skin.

Remember, a giraffe is a horse designed by a committee. There is a simple solution to the dilemma, a flag that unites rather than the "in your face"

proposal that divides.

I have spoken to many people who will vote against the "Pizza Pie," but are amenable to change. The answer is simple, replace the Stars and Bars with the Magnolia, which I am convinced, everyone would embrace.

We stand on the threshold of greatness, why again choose mediocrity? Just look at the Maple Leaf of Canada.

I respectfully request that one of our legislators rise to the occasion and delay the vote so that the magnolia will also be placed in consideration; or as an alternative, included on the ballot a place for a write-in choice.

You know, the only thing wrong with this recommendation, its logical.

A.J. Scardino, Jr.
Pass Christian

Drainage work, working

Dear Editor,
Last Monday's storm left over 5 1/2 inches of rain in our weather gauge located at Hancock and Citizen streets.

The yards and streets were flooded.

By 4 p.m. that day, the streets were dry!

Many thanks are due to the

city administration for undertaking a difficult drainage problem last summer, and congratulations to our fellow citizens who cheerfully put up with the inconveniences.

It all proved worthwhile.

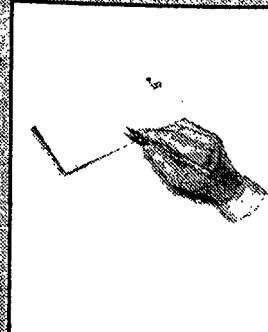
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Irwin and Patt Cucullu

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Jim Trelease to visit East Hancock Elem.

Best-selling author Jim Trelease will address parents, teachers, and the general public on Thursday, March 16 at East Hancock Elementary, 4221 Kiln-DeLisle Road, beginning at 7 p.m.

Trelease is the author of the New York Times bestseller, *The Read-Aloud Handbook*, and the editor of two popular anthologies. He will speak on "Reading Aloud: Motivating children to make books into friends, not enemies."

"American literacy scores," Trelease declares, "are due in large part to the fact that two-thirds of our children don't like to read. No player in the NBA was born wanting to play basketball. The desire to play ball or read must be panted. The last 25 years of research shows that reading aloud to a child is the oldest, cheapest and most successful method of instilling that

desire. Shooting baskets with a child creates a basketball player; reading to a child creates a reader."

For 20 years Trelease was an award-winning artist and writer for a daily

newspaper in New England. During this period he visited hundreds of classrooms as a school volunteer, talking with students about the joys of reading.

Those visits, combined with his nightly reading to his own two children, became the springboards to his national bestseller that spent 17 weeks on *The New York Times* list.

Three American editions have followed, along with

British, Australian, and Japanese editions, with more than 1.7 million copies now in print – the all-time best-selling guide to children's literature for parents and teachers.

PBS used the books as the springboard for its "Storytime" show and since 1985, Delaware, W. V., and Hawaii have developed statewide programs based upon it.

In his lecture presentation, Trelease uses an anecdotal style that rings with humor and enthusiasm. While the program is about children's reading, its content is aimed at an adult audience.

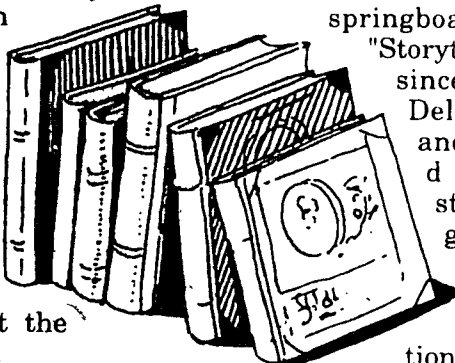
Citing dozens of titles and demonstrating the simple tech-

niques involved in reading aloud, Trelease traces its need from the cradle to adolescence.

The father of two grown children, Trelease also addresses common parent concerns like reading in bed, comic books, commercial phonics programs, sports-obsessed fathers, and television – including heartening examples of families that have excelled when the TV viewing is controlled.

A nationally recognized speaker, Trelease has been a featured presenter for most of the major reading and library associations of America, the subject of three "Dear Abby" columns, and his 150 speeches each year are usually booked 18 months in advance.

For more information, contact East Hancock Elementary librarian Christy Wilson or parent volunteer Cathy Wilson at 228-255-6637.



'Young Eagles' invited to fly at Diamondhead Airport

By Bill Robbins

Local aviators belonging to a national organization called the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) are inviting Coast youngsters to experience the thrill of flight at a special "Young Eagles Day" they have set for March 31 at the community airport of nearby Diamondhead.

Young people aged 8 to 17 are being invited, with permission from their parents, to climb aboard private airplanes piloted by the local EAA members for

flights ranging from 15 to 20 minutes in scenic circuits above the Bay St. Louis shoreline. In some instances the youngsters will be allowed to experience the feel of controlling an aircraft in flight. After the flight, each young person will be given a certificate, signed by the noted test pilot and supersonic pioneer Chuck Yeager, attesting to their membership in the rapidly increasing ranks of the EAA's Young Eagles.

The pilots giving them their flights will be volunteers and in

most instances will be flying their own airplanes. No one will be charged for the rides.

Other volunteers have also promised to serve hot-dogs and hamburgers near midday, also free of charge, to the new Young Eagles.

The event will be conducted by members of the Diamondhead chapter of the EAA, a group with about 50 members in the local area. The flights will begin shortly after 8:30 a.m. and continue as long as there are youngsters waiting

for their turn to soar.

In earlier Young Eagles Days, conducted both at Diamondhead Airport and at the nearby Stennis International Airport, as many as 50 youngsters a day have been given their first experiences of freedom from the bonds of earth.

Youths or adults representing youngsters wanting to become "Young Eagles" may register for their chance to fly by calling Mario or Charlotte Feola at 255-7011.

Diamondhead Performing Arts presents 'An Evening with Bach'

The Diamondhead Performing Arts Society announces its next performance will be Sunday, March 18 at 7 p.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club.

Father Sean Duggan will entertain with "An Evening With Bach". A Benedictine Monk of St. Joseph Abbey in Saint Benedict, La., Father Sean is a two-time winner of the Johann Sebastian Bach International Competition for Pianists.

In 2000 he performed in New Orleans; New York City; Marseilles, France; Salt Lake City, Utah; Bethlehem, Pa.; Rome, Italy; Washington, D.C. and Ann Arbor, Mich.

As he finished the last note of each concert, Father Sean would be reminded of the spiritual effect of Bach's music through the eyes of those who sat transfixed to the master's musical message.

The public is invited. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$15 adults and \$3.50 students.

AARP to meet Mar. 19

AARP Chapter 1114 will meet March 19 at 10 a.m. at the American Legion Hall on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

Alice Holmes, master gardener and treasurer of the Bay-Waveland Garden Club, will be guest speaker giving tips on better gardening after the severely cold winter plants experienced.

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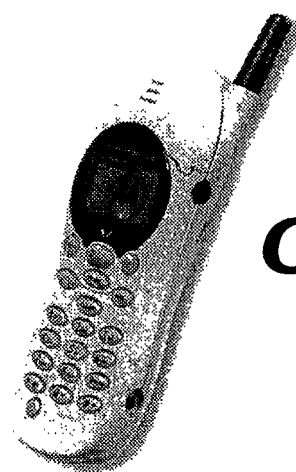
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Henderson Point Day set March 21

On Wednesday, March 21, John Henderson and his family will be honored for their place in history as it pertains to the Pass Christian area and Henderson's Point.

After the death of his wife, John Henderson, Sr., a lawyer, moved to Natchez with his infant son, John Jr.

They then moved to Woodville, Miss. where he met and married Louisa Fourniquet Post and adopted her daughter, Julia.

While there he was elected state senator and later became a U.S. Senator. Following the birth of their son, Elliot, and the 1836 purchase of a large tract of land, they moved to Bay St. Louis and then to Pass Christian.

The large land purchase consisted of almost the entire peninsula of Pass Christian, extending to the middle of Long Beach as it is today.

The vast area contained approximately 12,000 acres consisting of two township sections (one square mile each) and other partially platted areas.

In 1837, that land partnership with Charles Shipman and David Hughes was dissolved,

and John Henderson started swapping his eastern lands with Shipman and Hughes and from their successors.

This land swap resulted in his accruing properties that were predominantly aggregated on the west side of the Lighthouse at the center of the Pass.

From this base, he became aggressive in land development and promotions. His large home was located near the Fort Henry site.

His older son, John Jr., also an attorney, did not have the same penchant for land sales as his father or the younger son, Elliot.

John Henderson, Sr.'s will, allocated his remaining properties to his wife, Louisa; his adopted daughter, Julia; his daughter-in-law, Kate (who was John, Jr.'s wife); and to his younger son, Elliot.

Elliot followed in his father's footsteps and had become an attorney, a Mississippi senator, and mayor of Pass Christian.

John, Jr. and Catherine had two sons, Louis Fourniquet Henderson and John Leland Henderson.

Due to Catherine's health

problems, the two boys remained with their mother, as she moved to different places.

As a young man, John Leland Henderson returned to this area from Oregon and became a junior partner with his uncle Elliot.

He established his office in Bay St. Louis on Beach Street, and with his uncle Elliot formed the Mexican Gulf Land Company in 1903.

They were the first promoters of land sales in Henderson's Point that extended from the Gulf to Bayou Portage.

John Henderson Sr. also donated the land for the St. Louis Cemetery, the Episcopal Church and other community causes.

His son Elliot donated part of the land where Fort Henry was built in the vicinity across from this marker. Today, streets which commemorate this family are Henderson Avenue, and Louisa, Julia, and Elliot streets.

The historic memorial dedication takes place Wednesday, March 21 at 2 p.m. at Hwy. 90 and Fort Henry.

There will be a reception at Annie's-Bay View and 3rd intersection.



Yetter honored

In recognition of her significant commitment to Kiwanis, the Kiwanis Club of Hancock County recently honored its president, Terri Yetter, center, with membership in the George F. Hixson Fellowship. She is pictured with International President Bo Schafer, left, who presented her with the award, and Past International President Nettles Brown. A contribution of \$1,000 has been made in her name to the Kiwanis International Foundation for Kiwanis International's Worldwide Service Project (WSP). WSP was adopted by Kiwanis with the goal of virtually eliminating iodine deficiency disorders, the world's leading cause of preventable mental retardation in children. Each contribution of \$1,000 will touch the lives of 20,000 children. To date, the Kiwanis Club of Hancock County has donated over \$9,000 to Kiwanis WSP. Kiwanis International, known for serving the world's children, has made a strong commitment to the children of the world to eliminate this scourge from the face of the earth.

Last chance to enroll in UM fast-track fall program

The last chance to enroll in the University of Mobile's fast-track degree completion program before fall will be April 19.

Adults with two years of college credit may complete their college degree through this program, which features small

class size and class one night a week.

For information about the program or to begin the registration process, call the University of Mobile School of Leadership Development at 334-442-2358.

Talented Youth Program

Applications are being accepted until April 30 by the University of Southern Mississippi for the Summer Program for Academically Talented Youth.

The July 8-27 residential program is designed for students in grades seven through 10 who qualify based on SAT or ACT scores.

A variety of intensive, fast-paced courses will be offered, said Dr. Frances Karnes, director of the Center for Gifted Studies at Southern Miss.

Courses include pre-calculus, mathematics, physics, human anatomy and physiology, marine biology, geography, world history, art appreciation, creative writing, technical writing, Southern writers and literature, and psychology.

Students will be housed in dormitories on the USM Hattiesburg campus. Fees include tuition, room and board, recreational activities and limited accident insurance, said Karnes.

For applications or additional information, contact the Frances A. Karnes Center for Gifted Studies, the University of Southern Mississippi, Box 8207, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-8207 or call (601) 266-5236 or (601) 266-5246.

Mar. 31 deadline for financial aid at U. of M.

March 31 is the priority date for students applying to the University of Mobile, according to UM Director of Admissions Brian Boyle.

Students who have completed the admissions and financial

aid process by March 31 will receive first priority in consideration for all types of financial assistance during the 2001-2002 academic year.

Students applying after March 31 will be considered on

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District XI Science Fair K-3 winners from EHE are Allie Sims, Kristina Wheat, Nikki Wild, Elizabeth Booser and Laura Wilson. (Photo by Lydia K. Jellinski)

East Hancock Elem. science fair winners

East Hancock Elementary earned top awards at the District XI 2001 Science Fair held in Biloxi. With more than 900 students participating at the all-day event, the following students from EHE were announced as winners:

Kelsey Rideout took third in Botany and Microbiology grades 4-5, Nikki Wild took first and Laura Wilson took honorable mention in Physics and Engineering grades K-3.

Shelby Wild took honorable mention in Physics and Engineering grades 4-5, Kristina Wheat took third place

in Behavioral and Social Science grades K-3, Jaymie Shaw and Emily Dracon both took honorable mention in Behavioral and Social Science grades 4-5.

Chelsea Wahl took second and Bailey Stewart took third in Math, Computers, Earth and Space grades 4-5, Elizabeth Booser took second in Chemistry and Biochemistry grades K-3, Jordan Talley took honorable mention in Chemistry and Biochemistry grades 4-5, and Allie Sims took honorable mention in Collections grades K-3.

Plauché, McKay attend LAMA seminar

Prima Plauché, director of the Hancock County Library System, and Linda McKay, library system financial officer, recently attended a workshop on Managing Library Building Projects.

Hosted by the Mississippi Library Commission, the workshop was presented by the Library Administration and Management Association, a division of the American Library Association. The workshop was held at the McComb Public Library, a branch of the Pike-Amite-Walthall Library System.

The purpose of the workshop was to provide tips on management of a building project, and

lists the action steps required to implement the project.

Participants also learned how to identify the key players involved in a building project, their roles and their different goals and objectives.

William W. Sannwald, assistant to the City Manager and manager of Library Design and Development for the City of San Diego, was the presenter at the workshop.

He has delivered papers at national and international conferences and is the author of the *American Library Association's Checklist of Library Building Considerations*, now in its third edition.



Sen. Deborah Dawkins, right, of Pass Christian learned about current workforce issues while visiting the Mississippi Employment Security Commission (MESC) display at the Capitol Rotunda. MESC employee Sandra Hall greeted Dawkins.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

TOPS MS 307 Waveland met Wednesday, Feb. 28 at the Waveland Public Library with eight members present.

Rhonda was the week's best loser with 3 pounds. Paula was top KOPS. Rhonda received the incentive award, and Jeri received the raffle. New member Bobby was welcomed. Desare presented a program on sleep. The chapter also met March 7. Bobby was the week's best loser with 8 1/4 pounds. Sheri was top KOPS, and Jenny won the incentive award.

Top loser for the month was Rhonda. Runnerup was Ruth. New member Beverly was welcomed. New officers include Jenny, leader; Ruth, co-leader; Paula, treasurer; Desarae, secretary; Rhonda, weight recorder and Sheri, co-weight recorder.

The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are 4:45-5:30 p.m. with the meeting following. Anyone interested in losing weight is welcome to visit the chapter. Call Paula at 467-0420 for information.

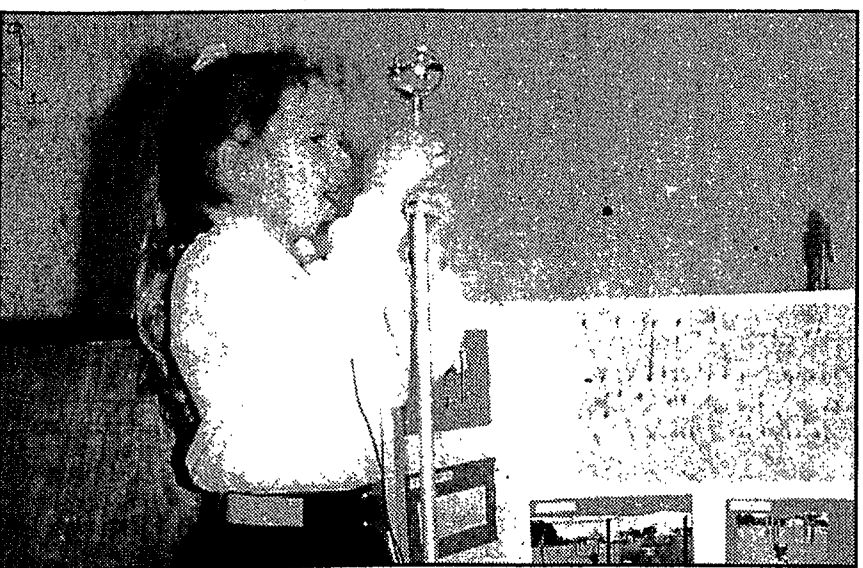


District XI Science Fair 4-5 grade winners from EHE are Jordan Talley, Bailey Stewart, Shelby Wild, Kelsey Rideout, Jaymie Shaw, Chelsea Wahl and Emily Dracon. (Photo by Lydia K. Jellinski)



Reading King and Queen

During the month of February East Hancock Elementary students in Robin Gex's first grade class were challenged with a reading assignment. Gex wanted to promote reading so she challenged the students to read as many books as possible each day for the whole month. The school's principal, Cheryl Ramseyer, agreed to read to the class a book of their choice if they met a goal of 500 books. The top two readers were named Queen and King for the day. The students also participated in other reading-related projects. They decorated Mardi Gras floats with a theme from one of their books and they wrote and illustrated Mardi Gras stories. The students topped their goal by reading 736 books. Pictured are the top readers, King Cody Ladner, 160 books, and Queen Lauren Bishop, 87 books. (Photo by Lydia K. Jellinski)



Learning science

The learning of science became a county affair when first grader Laura Wilson from East Hancock Elementary shared her winning science experiment, "Which Swings Swing Higher" with the students in Keene Golding's high school physics class. Laura explained her project and answered questions from the students who had been studying these concepts. (Photo by Robin Gex)



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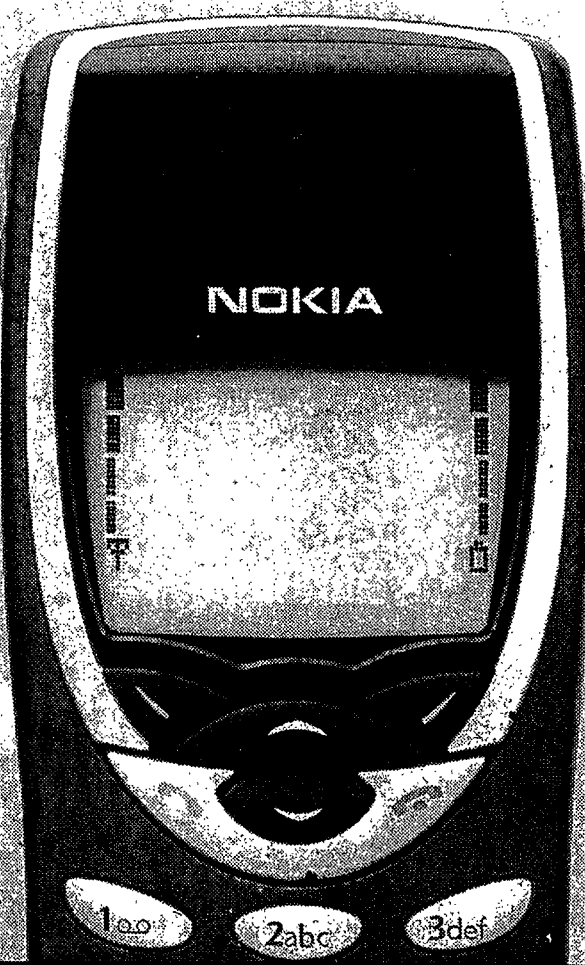
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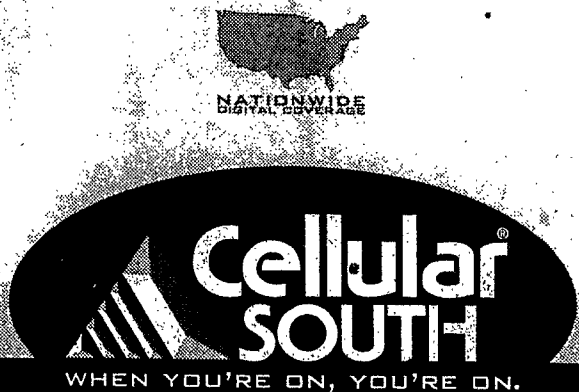
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DR. JAMES E. FLOOD
 Dr. James Edward "Jim" Flood, 74, of Diamondhead, died March 12, 2001, in Diamondhead.

Dr. Flood was born Aug. 16, 1926 in Chicago, Ill. to Dr. James S. and Rose Alice Morrissey Flood. The family moved to Sparta, Wis. when he was young. At age 16 he attended Marquette University in Milwaukee.

Following graduation he married Bette Flood in 1949. They settled briefly in Eden, Wis. and firmly in Fond du Lac, Wis. for 28 years. At age 50 he returned to school to pursue a master's degree in Periodontia at Tufts University in Boston.

In 1978 he and his wife settled in Jackson where he worked at the VA Hospital. In 1990 he retired to Diamondhead and again returned to active practice part-time until May 2000. Dr. Flood was a Catholic and an avid golfer.

He served as city councilman in Fond du Lac; coached basketball teams; served on several parish councils; was a 4th degree Knight of Columbus; held local, state and national offices for dental societies; served in both the National Guard and U.S. Army Reserves for 38 years and retired with the rank of Colonel.

He was the husband of 51 years of Elizabeth A. "Bette" (nee Masloff); father of Colleen (Gabriel) Laudazuri and Dr. Stephen (Trinh) Flood; brother of John W. Flood, Dr. Robert E. (Sadie) Flood, Dr. Francis X. (Dorothy) Flood (deceased), and Mary Ellen (Dr. David deceased) Malloy; and grandfather of Dario James, Patrick and Alex Laudazuri, Michael Sean (deceased), Tara, Caitlin, Shannon and Seana Flood.

Dr. Flood requested his body be donated to the University of Mississippi Medical School.

The family prefers memorials to the American Cancer Society, Mother Angelica at EWTN, Irondale, AL 35210 or St. William Church in Kiln.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday, March 17 at 12:30 p.m. at the Diamondhead Community Church.

CHARLENE FRIERSON
 Charlene T. Frierson, 58, of Picayune, died Tuesday, March 13, 2001, in Picayune.

Mrs. Frierson was a native of Chalmette and was a self-employed painter and contractor. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Nicholson.

She was preceded in death by a grandson and a brother, Charles Zulli.

Survivors include her husband, J. L. Frierson of Picayune; sons John Craddock of Purvis and Curry Davis of Picayune; a daughter, Tina Joles of Picayune; two stepsons, Nathan Frierson of Picayune and Darwin Frierson of Pigeon Forge, Tenn.; a stepdaughter, Rhonda Lancaster of Slidell; two brothers, Ted Murrello of Waveland and Rodney Gaudin of Tampa, Fla.; 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today, March 15, 6-9 p.m. in McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune and Friday 9-10 a.m. in First Baptist Church in Nicholson followed by services and burial in Turtleskin Cemetery in Nicholson.

GENE O'GLETREE
 Gene Austin O'Gletree, 72, of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, March 9, 2001, in Bay St. Louis. Mr. O'Gletree was a native of LaGrange, Ga., and was a Baptist. He was a member of DAV Post and 404th Bankie, La., and VFW Post 2253 and American Legion Post 1389 in Bay St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George C. and Sudie N. O'Gletree; three brothers, George F. O'Gletree, William Lindsley O'Gletree and Bert T. O'Gletree; and seven sisters, Bath Sheba Williams, Agnes Maydell Littlefield, Lois L. Ray, Annie A. McClurg, Vashti N. Kistler, Martha V. Bowen and Harriet L. Murphrey.

Survivors include his wife, Doris H. O'Gletree, and a stepdaughter, Fay Pace, both of Bay St. Louis.

Services were conducted Tuesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home Chapel in Bay St. Louis followed by graveside services at Biloxi National Cemetery.

W. PRENDIVILLE JR.

William Joseph Prendiville Jr., 85, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, March 13, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Prendiville was a native of New Orleans and was a resident of Bay St. Louis. He was a Catholic.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Beagie Love Prendiville; his parents, William J. and Elizabeth Maraich Prendiville Sr.; a brother, Harry Prendiville; and two sisters, Barbara Gay and Hazel Doussan.

Survivors include a niece, Barbara Parra of Bay St. Louis; a brother-in-law, Stanley Doussan of New Orleans; two grandnieces, Julie Ragusa and Cindy Trosclair; and a grandnephew, Robert Ragusa.

Visitation will be today, March 15, 10:30-11:30 a.m. with recitation of the Rosary at 11 a.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis with a prayer service following at 11:30 a.m. in the funeral home chapel. Interment will be private at a later date.

THOMAS L. PHILLIPS

Thomas L. Phillips, 35, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, March 13, 2001, in Pass Christian.

Services are pending at Riemann Funeral Home in Long Beach.

ERMON STEELE

Ermon Steele, 85, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, March 12, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Services are pending at Seaside Funeral Home in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of local arrangements.

WADE R. STINSON

Wade Roger Stinson, 74, of Diamondhead, died Sunday, March 11, 2001, in Diamondhead.

Mr. Stinson was a native of Randall, Kan. and had been a resident of Diamondhead for 17 years. As a retired Army Officer, he went on to start a football team on the University of Kansas football team. After leaving his future wife, Virginia "Copper" Coppedge and graduating from KU, Stinson became an executive with the Equitable Life Insurance Company in Chicago, Ill.

In 1964 he returned to his Alma Mater to serve as director of athletics. During his tenure, teams went to the final four in basketball and the Orange Bowl in football. After resigning his position in 1973, he entered the banking business where he

became president and CEO of the United Missouri Bank of St. Louis, Mo. He retired to Diamondhead in 1984. He was a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity, former member of KU Alumni Board and a member of NCAA Executive Committee.

Survivors include his wife Cooper of Diamondhead; three children, Dr. Wade W. Stinson of Florence, Ala., David P. Stinson of Mebane, N.C. and Nancy S. Blue of Olathe, Kan.; a brother, Bob Stinson of Salina, Kan.; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be conducted today, March 15 at 1 p.m. at Diamondhead Community Church. There will be a reception after the services in the fellowship hall of the church.

The family prefers memorials to the American Parkinson Diseases Association, 1250 Hyland Blvd., Suite 4B, Staten Island, N.Y. 10305.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

GEORGIA TILLMAN

Georgia Tillman, 81, of Carriere, died Thursday, March 8, 2001, in Picayune.

Mrs. Tillman was a native of Hillsdale and was a member of New Hebron Baptist Church where she was in Senior Mission and the choir.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jeff D. Tillman, and two daughters.

Survivors include three sons, James Otis Tillman of Carriere, David Tillman of Diamondhead and George Tillman of Memphis, Tenn.; three daughters, Katherine Jones of Carriere, Delois Wood of St. Paul, Minn., and Anita Moore of Slidell, La.; a brother, Otis Coleman of Carriere; 16 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at New Hebron Baptist Church. Services will be conducted today at 2 p.m. at New Hebron Baptist Church in Carriere with burial in Carriere Cemetery.

Baylous Funeral Home in Picayune is in charge of arrangements.

SAMUEL TOLLISON

Samuel Rudolph "Rudy" Tollison, 70, of Long Beach, died Thursday, March 8, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mr. Tollison was born in Long Beach, was a lifelong Coast resident and a Methodist. He served in the Navy and retired as captain with the Gulfport Police Department after 21 years. He worked for the U.S. Marshals Service.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Craten and Nola Tollison; and a sister, Irene Tollison.

Survivors include two daughters, Rhonda Russell of Anchorage, Alaska, and Sylvia Thornton of Gulfport; and a sister, Margaret Ladrner of Pass Christian.

Services were conducted Saturday.

The family prefers memorials to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 638, Gulfport, MS 39502.

EDNA WINNARD

Edna Stephenson Winnard, 45, of Atlanta, Ga., died Sunday, March 11, 2001, in Atlanta.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

Hancock High dance team

Performs at show

Hancock High School Dance Team will present a show entitled "A Tribute to Hollywood" Saturday, March 31 at 7 p.m. in the Hancock High Commons.

Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults or at the door for an additional \$2.

The show will feature various dances by team members from Hancock High school.

Tickets may be purchased from dance team members or by contacting team sponsor Jessica Mceller at 467-1889.

Hancock County Little League has registration

Hancock County Little League Girls Fastpitch Softball will have registration for interested girls ages 5-18 Saturday, March 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Waveland Market Center and Lakeshore Field.

First registration will be Saturday, March 24, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Lakeshore Field.

Any application received after March 24 may be placed in the player pool and teams filled from the pool as space becomes available.

For information, call Herb at 467-1201, Frank, 467-4220 or Bonnie, 467-9796.

Lacey Grimes award winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Lacey Leanne Grimes of Kiln has been named a United States National Award Winner in Mathematics.

The academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Grimes, who attends Hancock High School, was nominated for the award by Jennifer Seal, a teacher at the school.

The academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon the standards of selection set forth by the academy.

The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Grimes will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook which is published nationally.

Grimes is the daughter of Lacey Grimes of Kiln. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lacey Grimes of Greenfield, Mo.

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ABSENTEE VOTING

Bay St. Louis Municipal Election May 1, 2001
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The office of the City Clerk of Bay St. Louis will be open for absentee voting beginning Monday, March 19, 2001 from 8:00AM to 5:00PM, Monday through Friday. The office will also be open Saturdays through April 28, 2001 from 8:00AM to 12:00PM.

In the event of a run-off scheduled May 15, 2001, the office of the City Clerk of Bay St. Louis will be open for absentee voting from 8:00AM until 5:00PM Monday through Friday. The office will also be open on Saturdays, through May 12, 2001 from 8:00AM to 12:00PM.

Robert J. Parker, Municipal Clerk

The Majesty of Spain Exhibit big hit with Hancock's RSVP

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

The state of Mississippi once again takes leadership in the United States with The Majesty of Spain Exhibit through Sept. 3 at the Mississippi Arts Pavilion in Jackson.

This writer personally viewed the exhibit last week which comes from the Royal Collections of the Museo del Prado & Patrimonio Nacional exhibition, the largest collection of Spanish royal treasures ever presented in North America.

Making the journey were some 30 members of the Hancock County Retired Senior Volunteers (RSVP) traveling by motor coach from Bay St. Louis.

Each emphasized the beauty and elegance of the exhibit which spans the period of 1746 to 1833 and the reigns of Spanish kings Fernando VI, Carlos III, and Fernando VII, and features the once personal possessions of these kings.

Juanita Thorson said, "It was fabulous that they were able to bring these treasures over for us to see. The exhibit is of things the vast majority of us would never have been able to see."

A distinguishing feature of the exhibition is five magnificent room recreations from several of Spain's royal palaces and casitas (smaller residences of the palaces used solely by royalty and their families).

The most significant of these, and the grand centerpiece of the exhibition, is the chinoiserie "Porcelain Room" from the Royal Palace of Aranjuez.

The walls and ceilings of this amazing room are entirely made of porcelain, featuring exquisite raised relief of Chinese figures, monkeys, birds, dragons, flowers, insects, and other figures which are affixed to flat panels of porcelain using approximately 11,000 screws.

Many on the trip reported

that the porcelain room in itself was worth the trip, as they could have spent hours there studying the great works of art in porcelain.

Alice Seckso, who was very impressed with the 55-foot royal gondola, the largest object in the exhibit, said, "Everything is so beautiful, and all the works of art are unbelievable."

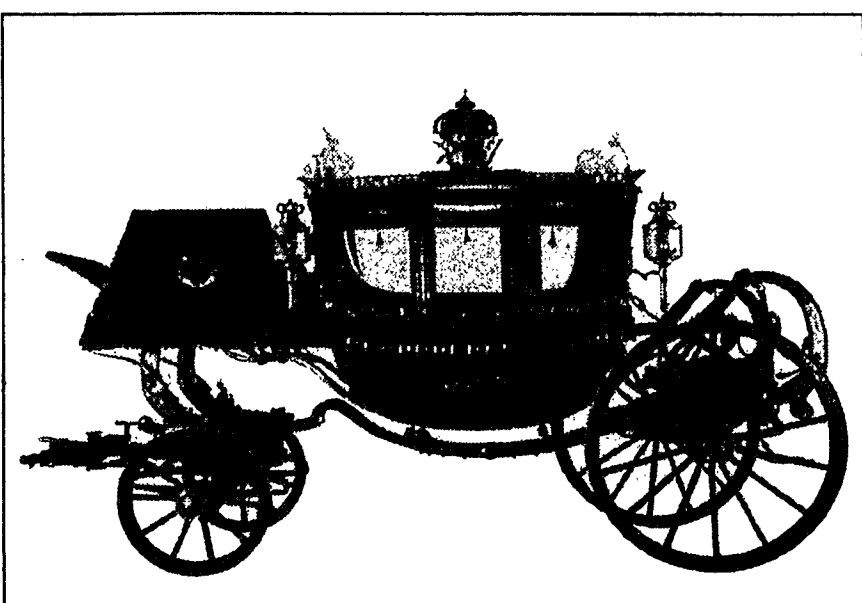
The elegantly hand-carved and gilded 55-foot royal gondola has decorations of angels, cherubs and mystical sea monsters and was built in the early 18th century by an army of craftsmen for the pageants and pleasure of the king.

The priceless treasures of more than 600 unequaled artworks await visitors at The Majesty of Spain, a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Nora Williams, a visitor to Spain in 1999, said, "I am glad I have been able to view the art in the exhibit and see the great significance had by the kings and queens of Spain."

The magnificent room recreations includes a stunning banquet hall featuring elaborate place settings from the service of Fernando VII. From the Royal Place of El Prado comes a room decorated with tapestries from the designs of Goya and furniture from the time of Carlos IV.

Spain's most prized paintings included Francisco Goya's tender and beautiful "El Quitasol" and "Crucifixion of Christ," considered Spain's most important



The royal carriage of Fernando VII (circa 1832) is on display.

impressed with the great works of art and the clocks. There was a lot of gold used, and everything is very impressive. Everyone should see the exhibit."

There is also the royal carriage of Fernando VII. Visitors may want to check the spring system which is very similar to springs used today on some vehicles.

Other objects in the exhibit include exquisitely designed fans, candelabras, costumes, furniture, clocks, a magnificent throne, armaments, tapestries, ivories, embroideries, and many more beautiful trappings of the 18th and 19th century Spanish royalty.

Joann Lagasse, RSVP director, said, "The exhibit is wonderful and is really another feather in the cap for our state of Mississippi. I just loved the porcelain room."

The Majesty of Spain Exhibition is organized by the Patrimonio Nacional, the Museo del Prado, and the Ministerio de Educacion y Cultura de España, in association with the Mississippi Commission for International

Cultural Exchange, Inc.

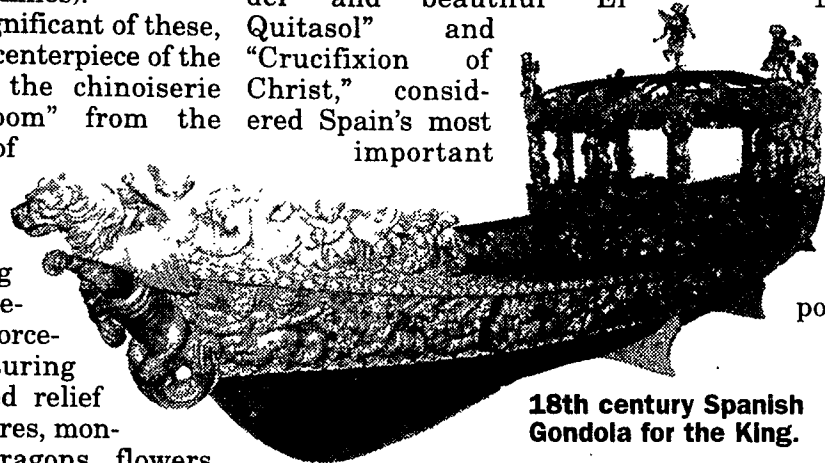
Tickets may be purchased by calling TicketMaster toll-free at 1-877-709-2639 and at all TicketMaster outlets. In Mississippi, tickets may be purchased in Jackson, Biloxi, Tupelo and Vicksburg at area Be-Bop Record Shops. Group sales (20 or more) are available by calling toll-free 1-800-960-9900.

All tickets are for a specific time and date. Advanced tickets are strongly recommended. Admission prices are: adults \$15; seniors (60-plus) \$14; college/university students (with ID) \$10; and children/youth (infants-18 years of age) \$5. Group rates are at a slightly reduced rate per person.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. An audio tour is free with paid admission. The amount of time spent making the tour is up to the participants, with our group taking less than two hours.

There are many volunteers working at the exhibit, and Virginia Criss commented, "The volunteers are all very helpful in making the exhibit a beautiful experience for those attending."

The Mississippi Arts Pavilion is located at the corner of Lamar and Court streets in downtown Jackson.



18th century Spanish Gondola for the King.

neoclassical painting, and major works by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo.

Mike Murphy said, "I sure enjoyed the exhibit, I was very

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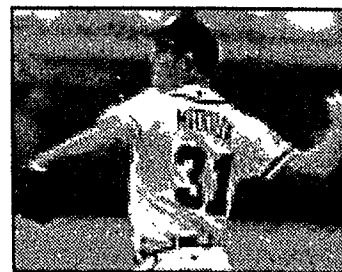
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County ups pay for mileage driven

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Mileage reimbursement has been raised for all Hancock County employees who use their personal vehicles on official business.

At a recessed meeting Wednesday, the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to adopt state and federal rates and raise the current mileage reimbursement from the present 30 cents-per-mile to 34.5 cents-per-mile. The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission got the debate under way when Executive

Director Hal Walters reported to supervisors the Commission at its meeting Monday voted to ask supervisors to adopt the same rate now being paid to state and federal employees.

Walters said the 30 cents-per-mile was not covering expenses for most of the Commission's employees faced with escalating gasoline prices. The mileage increase would also apply to the seven Port Commissioners, who also use their vehicles on county business, Walters said.

Port Comptroller Suzie Pursley told the Echo her projections are the four-and-a-half

cent increase per mile would not substantially impact this year's budget. She estimated the travel budget would increase only about \$1,200 for the next seven months, based on mileage figures turned in for the last five months.

District 3 Supervisor Lisa Cowand said if the Board adopted the new mileage rate for Port and Harbor employees, other county employees should be included.

"We need to put everybody on the same playing field," said Cowand. County Comptroller Patty Greer said the county was

ordered by the state some months ago to pay court reporters who come to Hancock County for official proceedings the 34.5 cents rate for mileage.

She told supervisors it would not adversely impact the county's budget to include all county employees in the increase.

Greer said several department heads had asked for a mileage hike during budget talks. She estimated an impact of \$2,500 on this year's budget if the 30-plus county employees who use their own vehicles would receive the same increase requested by the commission.

Karma -- trip to India

sured."

At each stop, the group presented a look at its local culture to the various rotary clubs. Three of the group were from Louisiana, so Anderson was in charge of presenting a look at Mississippi's culture.

She spoke on the seafood, timber and poultry industries and told locals about the abundance of clay in the state, used to make bricks. Anderson said that Tamil Nadu had many things in common with our area, and that she was surprised that in a place so far from home, she found people with the same troubles and concerns that we have. "Though on a much grander scale, because the population is so much greater," said Anderson.

There are many differences in the two cultures, of course. India is in the midst of a drive to reduce population growth.

Anderson said that on every public vehicle and throughout the towns, there are signs reminding people of this. "The signs say, 'We two, ours one,'" said Anderson. "Promoting the idea that couples have only one child ... many people were surprised to find that I had three children."

Another difference, Anderson said, was the family relationship.

"They were very close family units, with siblings and their spouses, children, and in-laws all living in one compound being a common living situation ... with everyone participating in household chores. People there were also amazed that we give our children so much freedom. Parents in India choose what their children will study in school and who they will marry."

Anderson was most

impressed by the people themselves.

"The most incredible thing was the warmth of the people ... so affectionate and generous. You could not go anywhere without people inviting you in to share what they had ... it's the people that make up a culture and it was the people who made it such a wonderful experience ... I would go back in a minute if I got the chance."

Perhaps the funniest experience Anderson had was waking up to the Pongal Harvest Festival. "We thought maybe we had stayed out too late the night before," said Anderson. "We woke up to streets filled with pink, green, and yellow cows, and elaborately adorned and decorated people. Pots of food were cooking and boiling over everywhere to signify a plentiful harvest, people were dancing and singing and invit-

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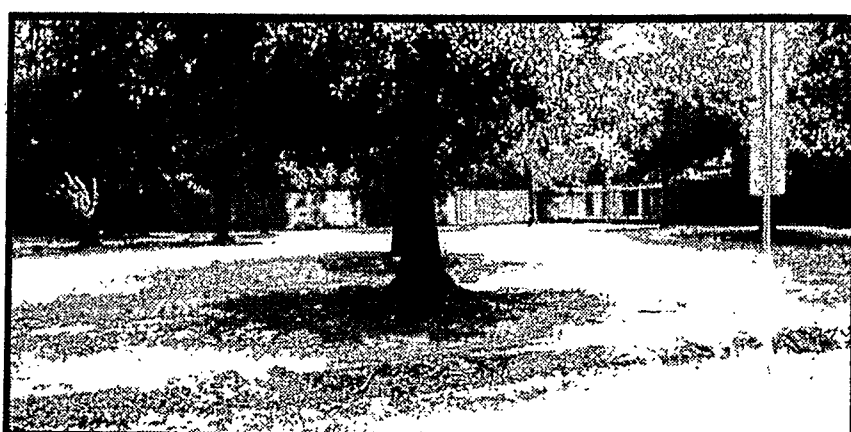
ing us to join in ... It was wonderful."

Anderson said that the Rotary is very active in India. "They build schools and run them and now they are involved in the campaign to eradicate polio, with mass immunizations."

In late April, four representatives from the State of Tamil Nadu will visit the Gulf Coast to share their culture with us for four weeks. They will speak at the Rotary District Conference in Hattiesburg, as well as making local presentations. Visits are planned to Stennis Space Center and even a casino. The group will divide its time between Mississippi and Louisiana. Anderson hopes to have at least part of the group stay in her home "to return at least some of the hospitality I was shown in Tamil Nadu," she said.

Bay Little Theater's Three Penny Opera almost over

The Bay St. Louis Little Theater's final presentations of *The Three Penny Opera*, *The Last Broadcast*, will be this Friday, March 16, and Saturday, March 17, beginning at 8 p.m. both nights, at the Playhouse at 301 Boardman Ave. Call 467-2587 for information.



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VOTER REGISTRATION

Bay St. Louis Municipal Election May 1, 2001
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The office of the City Clerk of Bay St. Louis is open for voter registration Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM. Beginning Monday, March 26 through Friday, March 30, 2001 there will be extended hours from 8:00AM to 7:00PM. The office will also be open Saturdays through March 31, from 8:00AM to 12:00PM.

Robert J Parker,
Municipal Clerk

Fee -- \$500 appeals bond

into hundreds of dollars.

Gex recommended an amendment to the zoning ordinance to require the \$500 appeals bond. He said the appellant would be assessed the actual cost of the proceedings, and if the charge is less than \$500, the remainder will be returned to the party appealing. If the appellant wins, under Gex's provision, the entire \$500 would be returned.

The planning commission had advertised the amendment to the zoning ordinance, and held a public hearing on the proposed \$500 fee.

The hearing drew few people, but the opposition was vocal. Most thought the \$500 fee was too high.

Board President Rocky Pullman voted against the fee. "Some poor souls don't have the \$500 to put up (for the bond)," said Pullman. "We're putting poor people in a position where they can't appeal."

The board set a public hearing for 2 p.m. March 23 after Zoning Enforcement Officer Willie Gavney notified supervisors that Drew and Sherry

Fillingame have filed an appeal on the commission's recent decision to deny them a special exception.

The Fillingames have proposed building a dry-stock marina off Blue Meadow Road, and some nearby residents are objecting, saying it should not be allowed in an area strictly zoned "R-1 Single-family Residential." The storage facility would be able to store up to 330 boats of various sizes in individual berths stacked one on top of the other.

District 3 Supervisor Lisa Cowand also asked Gavney to have the planning commission look into its regulations regarding Class II rubbish sites.

She said she is growing concerned because there have been many requests to open more sites in areas where there is substantial residential development. (Hancock County's Regional Solid Waste Authority has scheduled a public hearing at the Civic Center March 26 on three additional rubbish site requests. The rubbish sites do

not accept household garbage or hazardous waste, but are being used mainly by contractors clearing lots or remodeling houses and businesses.

In other business:

- Supervisors tentatively set a public hearing at 7 p.m. April 24 on a proposal to establish a "No Wake Zone" on portions of the Jourdan River. The hearing would be conducted at the Jourdan River Shores clubhouse, providing it is available.

- Cowand passed a resolution asking the Mississippi Department of Transportation to consider installing reflectors or some type of striping on the new median barrier being installed on the Bay of St. Louis bridge. She said people have complained the gray barrier is hard to see at night.

- Supervisors approved plans by Hancock County's Narcotics Task force to move its operations.

Director Brett Ladner told supervisors the offices now occupied by the task force in a mall off Dunbar Avenue costs \$6,000 a year to rent.

He said Waveland has offered the task force space in its city hall annex, and Sheriff Steve Garber and the police chiefs of Waveland and Bay St. Louis have approved the move. He said the task force would use some of its money to renovate the building, and the two cities would provide the labor required.

Violence -- HMS

that the sheriff's department had the whole school in some sort of prison "lock-down," and that a group of black students from Pearlington and a group of white students from Kiln were supposed to engage in some sort of race riot.

And the rumors sent anxious parents to the school in droves to try and take their children home for the rest of the day.

Although there was little to no truth to any of the rumors, the sheriff's department adminis-

trator Ronnie Cuevas said yesterday, "We want parents know that we are concerned about any threats, and we will not take it lightly where students are involved."

"Rather than being sorry, we were safe," Hancock County School Board President Cheryl Bennett said yesterday, "and we gathered up all our resources in the sheriff's office and on campus as well, so that we can ... squelch the rumors and get back to the reality."

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"I'm real pleased with the way the administration has been handling this situation. We've got everybody who's anybody there to make sure everything's handled the way it should be."

Garber said he and deputies would also be on campus today to ensure that the rumored threats remain only rumor, and to speak further with students about maintaining a safe, non-threatening school atmosphere.

Project Impact funds not in peril here

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The interim coordinator of Project Impact said she is fairly certain Hancock County will be granted \$300,000 in federal funds needed to start the disaster-resistance program here.

Sue Chamberlain, smart growth manager for the local Chamber of Commerce, has spearheaded the move locally to form a Project Impact Program. She has prepared a budget, formed a six-member advisory committee, and submitted the application for the two-year grant to officials with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Hancock County

and Bay St. Louis have pledged about \$100,000 of in-kind services as the match for the grant.

The Project Impact Program provides funds to educate residents and businesses about making homes and structures more resistant to hurricanes and other natural disasters. It also provides money to make public buildings more disaster-resistant. The program was begun about three years ago by James L. Witt, whom former President Clinton appointed head of FEMA. Now, there's a new president in office and George Bush has indicated he might scrap the federal program, or at least cut its funding.

Chamberlain attended Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting, and said she had been assured the funding for this year was included in the national fiscal budget.

"But, there might not be funding for communities wanting to form Project Impact Programs for the year 2002," she admitted. Project Impact communities have formed in Escambia County, and Tampa Bay, Florida, Baldwin and Jefferson County and Fort Payne, Alabama, Pascagoula, Harrison and Hancock Counties. Others have indicated they intend to file grant applications.

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BUSINESS NEWS



Brown honored

Hancock County's Port and Harbor Commission presented a proclamation and a plaque of appreciation to outgoing Commissioner Louis F. Brown, who has served on the Commission as Waveland's representative since 1992. From left, above are: Commission Chairman Dave McDonald, Mrs. Jerry Brown, Brown and Port Executive Director Hal Walters. Businessman Robert Kane, photo at right, is administering the oath of office by attorney Robert Genlin as he begins his second term on the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission representing the city of Bay St. Louis. (Echo staff photos by Ed Lepoma)



Bank to build drive-through

Hancock Bank will launch construction of a new Stennis Space Center drive-through facility Friday, March 16 at 10 a.m. ground-breaking ceremony. Bank staff will host a reception at the bank's main Stennis office immediately following the groundbreaking.

Located on two acres at the southeast corner of Old Gainesville Road and H Road, the proposed 310-square-foot drive-through will feature a drive-up window and an automated teller machine (ATM) lane.

Visitors cleared through the center's south security gate will find the drive-through site

approximately 1,000 feet west of the intersection of the main interstate access road (I-10 exit #2) and H Road, diagonally across from Stennis' child care center.

Hancock's existing branch in the Stennis Space Center main administrative building (Building 1100) will continue to provide traditional lobby services.

N. Gordon Myrick, Inc., will serve as general contractor for the project, and Hancock Holding Company, building professionals will manage construction. Hancock anticipates completing the drive-through in late summer 2001.

Shipyard settles dispute over rigs

Friede Goldman Halter, Inc. (NYSE: FGH) and Ocean Rig ASA announced that they have signed an agreement resolving problems which arose earlier this month relating to the completion and delivery of Ocean Rig's two Bingo 9000 rigs at Friede Goldman's Pascagoula yard.

Work on the rigs, which was suspended briefly by Friede Goldman, has resumed.

Under the agreement, Ocean Rig will pay Friede Goldman a contractually established rate for equipment, personnel and labor provided by Friede Goldman to cover the costs of

completing the project.

Accordingly, Friede Goldman will not have financial responsibility for the rigs. Friede Goldman will provide resources requested by Ocean Rig at the cost established. This agreement will result in greater security of employment for the local workforce.

Additionally, as a key element of the agreement, both companies have waived claims outstanding under previous agreements, including claims for liquidated damages, with the condition that all such claims of Ocean Rig will be automatically reinstated in the

event that Friede Goldman stops work on the rigs or if the rigs are detained or encumbered by Friede Goldman in any way.

For its part, Friede Goldman has the right to an automatic reinstatement of any claims it has outstanding in the event that Ocean Rig fails to make any of the payments agreed under the agreement.

As a further result of the agreement, Ocean Rig has withdrawn the arbitration and other legal procedures.

Once completed, Friede Goldman and Ocean Rig believe that these rigs will be two of the most advanced semi-submersible deepwater drilling rigs in operation.

Friede Goldman Halter announces quarterly results

Friede Goldman Halter, Inc. (NYSE: FGH) has released the Company's financial results for its fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2000.

On Feb. 22, 2001 the company announced that delays and cost overruns on the Bingo 9000-1 and 9000-2 drilling rigs under construction for Ocean Rig ASA were expected to have a significant negative impact on FGH's fourth quarter results of operations.

As a result of the additional losses on the Ocean Rig contracts, lower than expected revenues and other factors, the company will report a net loss for the fourth quarter, before extraordinary item, of \$71.9 million, or \$1.48 per share.

No federal income tax benefits were available to offset the losses recorded in the fourth quarter. The company will also report an extraordinary loss of \$3.8 million, or \$.08 per share resulting from the write-off of deferred loan costs in the fourth quarter.

For the year ended Dec. 31, 2000, the company will report a loss before extraordinary item of \$102.5 million or \$2.30 per share.

The fourth quarter results include losses of approximately \$44 million on the Bingo 9000-1 and 9000-2 rigs, including a provision for all losses incurred on the project through March 9, 2001.

The company announced in a separate press release that it had signed an agreement with Ocean Rig ASA that will settle previously announced disputes and allow work on the rigs to resume.

As a result of the settlement agreement, FGH will be paid on a time and materials basis for all work to be performed by FGH in completing the project.

The company plans to schedule a conference call to discuss results and the current status of the company after the filing of the company's Form 10-K. The time and date of the call will be announced.

Casino Magic adds new nickle slots

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis has added new nickel slot games this week, Cash Crop and Swingin' In The Green. Casino Magic Bay St. Louis is one of the Coast's first casinos to receive Cash Crop.

Cash Crop is a multi-coin, multi-line video game developed by WMS Gaming. The same features an immediately recognizable theme song from a famous TV sitcom about two city folk who move to a farm; the game theme is based on a farmer's trip to the county fair and entry into the vegetable contest.

Cash Crop has a cast of colorful characters including Farmer Brown, a scarecrow and the cunning gopher.

The amusing reel symbols include the farmer, vegetables, a county fair veggie basket, a ladybug, sunshine and an animated watering can, which serves as a wild symbol.

This nine-line video slot is available in 9, 18, 45 and 90 coin configurations.

Cash Crop offers Ladybug Pay, a special base-game bonus feature. When three or more ladybugs appear as scatter pay, (any combination of ladybugs, not necessarily in a row) 10 times the total bet is awarded.

When two identical vegetables and a vegetable basket

align, Farmer Brown takes the vegetable to the County Fair. The player selects two challenges for the farmer to compete against.

Their vegetables are ranked first, second and third. Bonus credits are awarded based on Farmer Brown's placement in the competition.

Swingin' In The Green is also a WMS Gaming multi-coin, multi-line video slot game, with a jungle theme complete with a hunky vine-flying hero, his cute girlfriend and a hip jungle soundtrack.

With five animated reels and nine paylines, Swingin' In The Green offers players multiple ways to bet and win. The reel symbols include African masks, "Giggles" the Ape, Jungle Jim, his girlfriend, Penny Drop and jungle treasures like gold lions, silver elephants and bronze falcons.

Giggles is wild, and when the symbol completes a winning combination of jungle treasures, an animated Picture Play gives the player a 2X or 3X bonus multiplier.

When the jungle tree symbol lands on the first, third and fifth reels in any position, the second screen bonus round begins. Vine-swinging hero, Jungle Jim, appears on the tree on the left side of the screen.

The player then sees three vines and the message, "Pick a vine!" By touching one of the three vines, Jungle Jim swings into action, grabbing the vine and, as Penny Drop blows kisses to her hero, travels across the screen to land on one of the branches on the right side of the screen.

Each branch contains a jungle treasure and bonus award. The bonus is collected, the lengths of all three vines are revealed, and Jungle Jim moves to the other side of the tree for his next swing.

The bonus round ends when the chosen vine does not swing to a branch and crashes Jungle Jim into a tree.

Credit union annual meeting

Keesler Federal Credit Union announces its annual membership meeting for 2001 will be at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center on Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m.

The credit union will conduct its annual business meeting and honor long-term employees. Cash and prizes will be awarded, and all members are encouraged to attend and participate.

Keesler Federal Credit Union is the largest credit union in Mississippi and serves 147,000 members worldwide with total assets in excess of \$590 million.

The credit union has 10 branches along the Mississippi Gulf Coast and three branches on Royal Air Force Bases in the United Kingdom.

Champion opens in Bay

Champion Chrysler Dodge Jeep of Gulfport has opened a location on Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis.

Champion is bringing their Discount Used Car Superstore to the Bay area with over 2 million of inventory representing 100 - 150 used and program vehicles until groundbreaking of the new facility. Groundbreaking may start as soon as 60 days.

The new custom-designed mega-site will include a new car showroom, 27-bay service area

and retail new Chrysler Dodge Jeep product as well as the Champion Discount Used Car Superstore.

Huey White, president of Champion Chrysler Dodge Jeep, is excited about the new location and feels it will bring to the consumer a higher standard of service.

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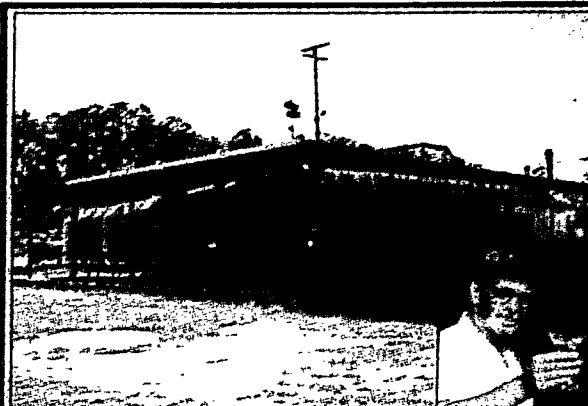
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RESTAURANT REVIEW

Presenting some of the Finest Restaurants on the Mississippi Gulf Coast



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The River Dock is a charming and friendly family owned on the banks of the Jourdan River at Highway 603 in Kiln. Opening every day at 11:00 AM (including holidays). The River Dock features an eight page dinner menu, a full service bar, a great view of the activities on the river, a boat dock, and a sandy beach for summer picnics. Fifteen lunch specials are featured every weekday on sale at just \$3.95, and dinner ranges from a very modest \$7.95 to the mid teens.

The most difficult thing about dining at the River Dock is making up your mind from the choices offered from their extensive menu which is always augmented by a generous VERY special board which begins with All You Can Eat Fried Catfish at \$8.95 and All You Can Eat Fried Shrimp at \$9.99 and continues with at least two or three more delights. The regular menu covers the gamut of delicious appetizers, Italian dishes, local seafood, steaks, salads, sandwiches, and even pizza. We got a peak of the Muffalatta while we were there and it has to be one of the great ones available anywhere. Here's a hint, just order a quarter of a muffalatta; it's a full meal in itself.

After a couple of sips of our Berringer White Zinfandel, offered at an extremely reasonable \$15.95, the wife and I settled into a plate of outrageous fried crab claws and a modest \$4.95 and the best mozzarella and Swiss cheese sticks I ever had at just \$4.25. For our main course, the wife ordered a stuffed soft shell crab over a bed seafood fettuccini from the special board at \$15.95. I ordered a shrimp lovers combo from the regular menu priced at a modest \$16.95. These are about the most expensive dinners the River Dock offers, and I was on the paper's nickel.

WARNING! Get hungry before ordering a shrimp lovers combo at the River Dock. You get Gumbo, shrimp salad, fried shrimp, stuffed shrimp, shrimp au gratin, shrimp jambalaya. You get a lot of shrimp. Great shrimp. You don't want to leave any. The stuffed soft shell crab melted in the wife's mouth and complemented the rich seafood sauce and fettuccini to a tea. It was so good she couldn't talk for fifteen minutes while she ate. This in itself is reason to take her back.

For dessert we both had some of the best bread pudding with a delicious rum sauce that was so good we forced ourselves to make room for it. The bill, served with complementary dinner mints, came to under sixty dollars including the wine. I paid it and left before they found that they made a mistake. I know it had to be more than that. It's nights like that that make me love my job.



Los Tres Amigos

In 1989, Juan Garcia started working in one of his uncle's restaurants as a dishwasher. He then began to wait tables, became the cook and eventually became manager.

Six years ago he decided to open his own restaurant, Los Tres Amigos. Los Tres Amigos is a family venture. Each member of the family plays a key role in the success of the business. Juan is also partner in the first location of the restaurant in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Los Tres Amigos' staff prides itself on fresh, authentic, Mexican food and friendly service. Even though food costs are on the rise everywhere, Los Tres Amigos has managed to keep menu prices the same as when the restaurant first opened its doors over six years ago. The portions are so large that most patrons cannot eat everything on their plate.

Juan's desire to open his own restaurant was so strong that he obtained his food permit late one afternoon and began serving food that evening. By 7:00pm, Juan had already waited on 20 tables!

The key to Los Tres Amigos' success is attitude, reasonable prices, great food and friendly service. Juan believes there is plenty of opportunity out there for everyone, if you are willing to work hard.

Los Tres Amigos is located at 824-B Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis. They are open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner with a full service bar. Sunday through Thursday 11am to 9pm and Friday and Saturdays from 11am to 10pm. Enjoy live Mariachi music on Friday evenings beginning at 6pm and lasting till 9pm.

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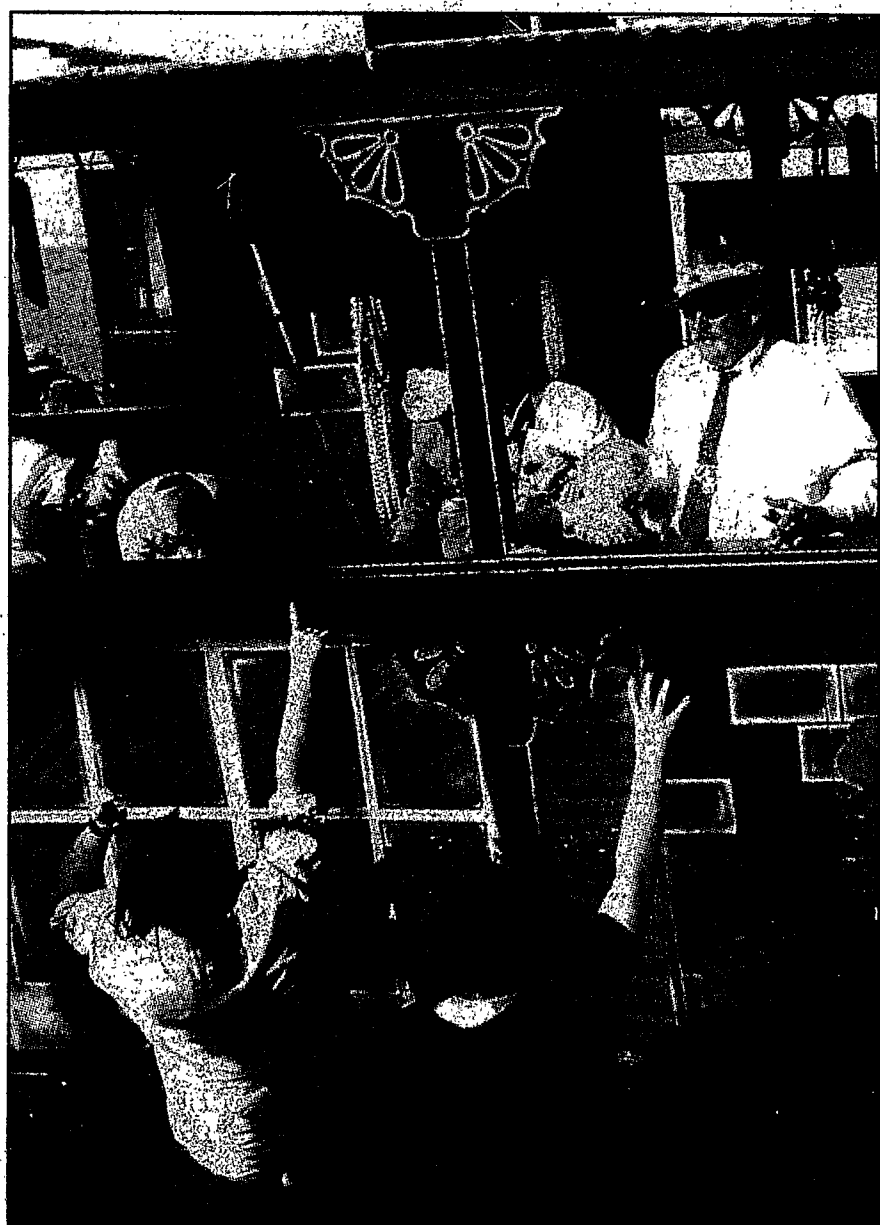
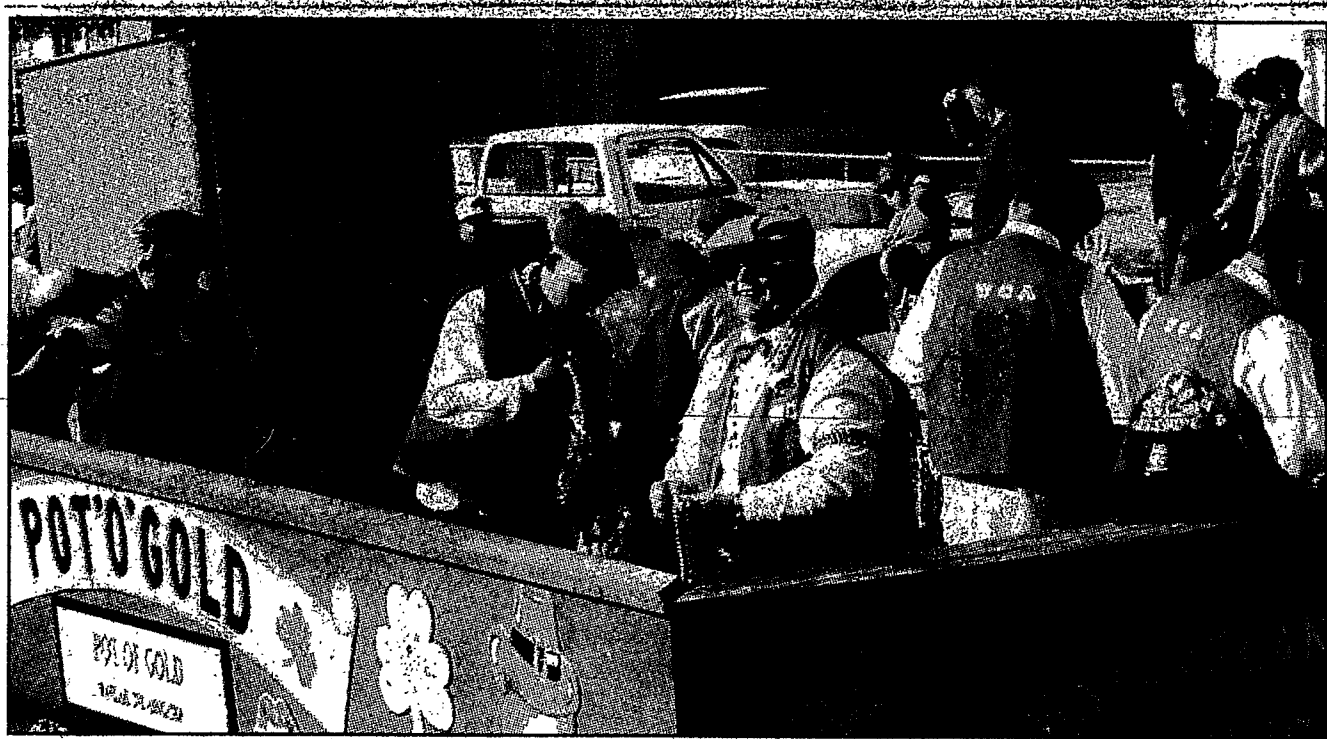
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WCA St. Patrick's Day Parade



The Waveland Civic Association's 37th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade rolled past hundreds of spectators Saturday. Trophy winners for the event included: Participation, Bay High School Band; Marching Group, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick; Business/Organization Floats, First Place – Krewe of Fantasy, Second Place – Stennis Space Center Mardi Gras Krewe and Third Place – The Shamrockers; Family Floats, First Place – Riverview Boiling Crew, Second Place – Kellie Carvin/Bev Necaise and Third Place – Krewe of Southern Comfort.

Echo staff photos by Bennie Shallbetter



The Sea Coast Echo

SPORTS

PRCC splits with LSU-Eunice

Pearl River Community College split with LSU-Eunice Saturday in Poplarville, dropping the first game 8-5, but winning the nightcap 9-1 behind a superb mound performance by starter Chris Thompson.

Thompson, a freshman righthander out of Mobile, Ala., allowed only one run on three hits, while striking out 13 and walking four in his 5 2/3 innings on the mound. PRCC improved to 5-10 overall with the win, while LSU-Eunice dropped to 12-7.

In the opening game, Wildcat starter Mark Broom hit the first batter of the game, then an error and a single made it 2-0. Another single set the stage for a three-run homer by Adam Killgore to make it 5-0.

Brent Robertson kicked off a five-run rally in the bottom of the third when he cracked an RBI single. Rusty Crosslin walked, then Steven Knight of St. Stanislaus bashed a two-RBI single. Blake Munna reached via an error, pushing in two more runs scored to tie it up at 5-5.

LSU-Eunice scored a solo run in the top of the fourth off a walk, a single, and a passed ball, then scored its seventh run in the top of the fifth off an RBI single by Killgore. Lucas Soileau hit a solo homer in the top of the seventh to end the scoring.

PRCC finished with nine hits and one error. Knight led the Wildcats at the plate with a double and a single, while Mark Broom (0-1) picked up the loss in his 8 2/3 innings on the mound.

SSC's Gagnon wins in tennis at PRCC

Pearl River Community College's Wildcats and Lady Wildcats swept Southwest Tuesday in South Division tennis action Friday.

PRCC's men improved to 2-2, while the women improved to 3-1.

In men's singles, Robert Brumfield (PRCC) defeated Patrick Leggett (SWCC) 6-1, 7-5; Matt Hoda (PRCC) defeated Shawn Smith (SWCC) 6-2, 6-3; Ben Tharpe (SWCC) defeated Kyle Williams (PRCC) 7-6 (6), 5-7 (11); Jonathan Gagnon (PRCC) of St. Stanislaus defeated Stephen Foreman (SWCC) 3-6, 6-0 (6); Ken Miller (PRCC) defeated Sam Griffin (SWCC) 6-0, 6-1; and Joel Hebert (PRCC) defeated Dustin Whetstone (SWCC) 6-2, 6-0.

Tigers down Pass 4-1 in tennis play

The Bay High School tennis team scuttled the Pass Christian Pirates 4-1 Tuesday in high school tennis action at Abby Road Tennis Club.

In boys singles, Bay High's Weston Mayley defeated Phillip Stevens 6-1, 6-1; in girls singles, Lady Tiger Stephanie Reed downed Meagan Dubuisson 6-1, 6-1; in boys doubles, Bay High's Daniel Stanton and Aaron Fromeyer continued their winning streak with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Brock Hayden and Dustan Savoie; in girls doubles, Pass Christian's Amanda Arnold and Tiffany Boswell defeated Kelly Callahan and Sarah LaFontaine 6-2, 6-0; in mixed doubles, Bay High's Marquez Singleton and Jaqueline Fouasanon defeated 6-0, 6-0.

Bay High has a record of 3-1 on the season and will travel to Long Beach today to face the Bearcats and will host Mercy Cross next Tuesday.

In the second game, Miller led off in the top of the first with a double, then Sam Laurent walked and scored on a wild pitch to make it 1-0. Pearl River loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom of the first frame when Bengal pitcher Jeff Sanders hit two batters and walked one, then Munna cracked an RBI single to tie it at 1-1. Robertson followed with an RBI single, then Eric Adkins scored on a wild pitch to make it 3-1 after one.

Things went scoreless for the next 3 1/2 innings, but PRCC rallied for four in the bottom of the fifth when Justin Byrd opened with a double, followed by a walk and hit batter to load the bases. Byrd scored on a wild pitch, then Robertson cracked an RBI single and Kirk Giger followed with a sacrifice bunt. An error scored the fourth run to make it 7-1 after five. Byrd second double of the game drove in a run in the bottom of the sixth, then Slade Jones cracked an RBI single to end the scoring.

Thompson (1-3) picked up his first win of the season, while Magee relieved in the sixth, allowing no hits and striking out two. Jeff Sanders (2-2) was the losing pitcher in his four innings on the mound.

Pearl River travels to Mississippi Delta in Moorhead today for a non-division makeup doubleheader beginning at 2 p.m., then the Wildcats return home to host Kishwaukee (Ill.) Friday and Alabama Southern Saturday. Both are 2 p.m. doubleheaders.



BASEBALL update

Bay holds off Hawks 5-4

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Bay High Tigers were able to hold off a late rally by the Hancock Hawks and win a Division 7 Class 4A contest 5-4 on Saturday, March 10, in Kiln.

The Tigers jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning when Eric Lymuel scored on an Adam Barrett infield single.

Despite two hits by Zach Nelson and Tyler Hall, the Hawks were held scoreless in the bottom of the first inning. Brandon Strong and Barrett highlighted the inning, defensively, for the Tigers. Strong robbed Zach Zulli of a hit with a high-flying grab at shortstop while Barrett picked off a pinch-runner for Hall at first base.

Bay High added another run in the top of the second inning when Aaron Morris scored. The Tigers had the bases loaded with no outs but wound up leaving the runners stranded.

The Tigers had a two-run inning in the top of the third when Guy Alleman doubled home Lymuel and Strong sacrificed Alleman home.

The Hawks got on the board in the bottom of the third inning when James Moran hit a sacrifice fly to rightfield that allowed Zulli to score. Later in the inning, Gary Catalano reached first base on an error that scored Zach Nelson to make the score 4-2.

Hancock tied the game at 4-4 in the bottom of the fourth inning when they loaded the bases to start the inning. James Moran knocked in Eric Underwood and Cody Spiers on an error by the Bay High infield.

Bay High claimed the win when Lymuel singled home Claude Yarbrough in the top of the sixth inning.

With the win the Tigers improve to 4-7 overall and 2-2 in the division. Adam Barrett got the win on the mound for Bay High improving his record to 2-3 while Hall fell to 2-3 on the season with the loss.

The St. Stanislaus Rock-aways defeated the Long Beach Bearcats on Saturday, March 10, in Bay St. Louis by the score of 7-5. With the win the Rocks improve to 6-4 on the season.

Dupuy wins 3rd, Wildcats split

Pearl River Community split with Copiah-Lincoln to open both team's 2001 South Division baseball schedules.

The Wildcat won the first game 5-2, but fell in the nightcap 10-0 in five innings to drop to 4-8 overall and 1-1 in division play. The Wolves are 4-6 and 1-1.

In the first game, Co-Lin went up 1-0 in the bottom of the first, but PRCC went up for good with two runs in the top of the second. The Wildcats added solo runs in the third, fourth, and fifth, while the Wolves scored their last run in the sixth.

PRCC finished with seven hits, led by Blake Munna with two singles, while Rusty Crosslin tripled; Eric Adkins and Ryan Landry both doubled; and Brent Robertson and Justin Byrd both singled.

Southpaw Brandon Dupuy (3-1) of Bay High was the winning pitcher in his five innings on the mound, while Matt Magee of Franklinton, La., relieved in the sixth.

In the second game, PRCC

was victimized by five errors and managed only three hits a double by Robertson and singles by Adkins and Munna. Co-Lin went up 2-0 in the first, then added three in the third, one in the fourth, and four in the fifth to take the win via the 10-run rule.

Chris Thompson (0-2) picked up the loss in his three innings on the mound, while Jonathan Mitcham relieved in the fourth.

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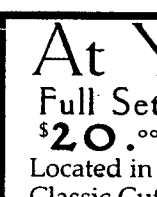
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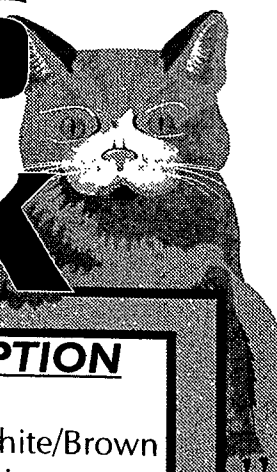


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Aube, Bowtell, Brassard heating up the offense

The Sea Wolves combination of J.F. Aube, Cody Bowtell and Chris Brassard has been providing the Sea Wolves with much-needed offense over the past few games.

Both Aube and Bowtell have six-game points streaks intact. Bowtell has two goals and six assists in that span, and Aube has three goals and four assists.

Brassard has four goals in his last four games and has six points in seven games with the Sea Wolves. Bowtell and Aube are tied for second on the Sea Wolves' roster in scoring with 49 points each, and Bowtell leads the team in goals with 23.

Brassard has 47 points in 49 games with three teams this season. Another bright spot on the Sea Wolves' roster has been defenseman Joel Dezaïnde.

Dezaïnde has a goal and three assists in his last two games with the Sea Wolves and is second on the team in assists with 31.

The Wolves are at home Friday and Saturday against Birmingham and Louisiana, respectively, and are on the road Sunday for game seven of the Cellular South Magnolia Cup Challenge.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES: Friday, March 16 vs. Birmingham Bulls

It's Church Night in the Wolves Den. A portion of all tickets purchased through church groups will be donated to benefit Hope Haven Children's Shelter.

The Sea Wolves own it 3-1-2 record against the Bulls this year. The Bulls are not a threat to overtake the Sea Wolves in the standings, but would love to play spoilers to the Sea Wolves' playoff hopes.

Saturday, March 17 vs. Louisiana Ice Gators

Louisiana leads the Southwest Division. The Sea Wolves are 2-1-0 against the Gators this season. A win here could guarantee the Sea Wolves a third consecutive winning season against their arch-rivals from Lafayette.

Sunday, March 18 at Jackson

Game 7 of the Cellular South Magnolia Cup Challenge finds the series deadlocked at seven

points each. Jackson is one of the hottest teams in the ECHL with an 8-2-0 record in their last 10 games.

LAST WEEK'S GAMES: Sea Wolves 1 vs. Kingfish 4

Baton Rouge scored three unanswered goals after a 1-1 first period tie.

Sea Wolves 3 at Mysticks 6

In spite of the loss, the Sea Wolves equaled their best record ever against the Mysticks, finishing 4-4-0 for the season.

Sea Wolves 3 at Kingfish 4

The Kingfish captured their second straight win over the Sea Wolves.

Sea Wolves 4 vs. Grrrowl 5

Greenville charged back from a 4-0 deficit to force a shoot-out, which they won 2-1.

NOTEWORTHY: The Sea Wolves still lead the ECHL in penalty killing at 89%. The team's power play is fifth in the league at 20.6%.

The Sea Wolves need just 9,341 more fans to reach 1,000,000. That means that the goal could be reached this weekend. The 1,000,000th fan will receive prizes including Sea Wolves season tickets for life.

Bob Woods, the ECHL's all-time games leader, hit a couple of Sea Wolves milestones this weekend. On Saturday, he played in his 200th game in a Sea Wolves uniform, becoming just the fourth player ever to do so.

On Sunday, he picked up two assists to take over second on the team's career assists list. He now has 112 assists with the Sea Wolves. He is also just two points out of second on the Sea Wolves' all-time points list and eight points out of first.

Woods has four assists in his last two games and continues to lead the team in scoring for the season.

The Sea Wolves have a new all-time power play goal leader. Cody Bowtell picked up a goal on the man advantage in Saturday's loss to Baton Rouge. It was his 24th in a Sea Wolves uniform, giving him the new team record.

Sea Wolves drop four in row with 5-4 shootout loss to G'ville Grrrowl

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Mississippi Sea Wolves took one on the chin on Sunday, March 11, before a sparse crowd of 2,912 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. The Sea Wolves scored the first four goals of the game and then watched in disbelief as their, seemingly, insurmountable lead turned into a 5-4 shootout loss to the Greenville Grrrowl. Sea Wolves head coach simply called his team's current position "rock bottom."

Mississippi scored their first goal with 14:48 left in the first period when Robert Franz lit the lamp off an assist by Bob Woods and Joel Dezaïnde.

Just :29 later, Chris Brassard scored his first goal of two goals when he smacked one past Tyrone Garner for a 2-0 lead. Brassard scored off an assist from J.F. Aube and Bob Woods. Dave Paradise gave the Sea Wolves a 3-0 lead at the end of the first period when he crashed the crease off an assist from Dezaïnde and Dustin Whitecotton with 11:41 remaining in the opening period.

Brassard scored his second goal of the night for the Sea Wolves with 18:09 left in the second period of play to give Mississippi a 4-0 lead. He scored when he floated the puck over shoulder of Garner off an assist by Mike Martone and Dezaïnde.

Neil Fewster got Greenville on the scoreboard with a shot

off the iron at the 8:11 mark of the second period. Mike Sylvia's unassisted goal made the score 4-2 at the second intermission when he lit the lamp with 5:21 remaining in the second period.

Greenville's next two goals were just :21 apart. With 15:41 left to play in the third period, Scott Kirton scored off a cross-ice pass from Colin Pepperall to make the score 4-3.

At the 15:20 mark of the third period, Brad Federenko tied the game at 4-4 off an assist by Jason Kelly.

The two teams played a 5:00 overtime period that ended scoreless before moving into a shootout.

Andrew Taylor shot first for the Grrrowl and was stopped by Sea Wolves goalie Chuck Thuss. Fewster made his shot for Greenville followed by missed shots from Sylvia and Jeff Zehr.

J.F. Aube missed his shot for Mississippi. Brent Gauverreau lit the lamp for Mississippi on the second shot followed by missed shot from Robert Franz and Cody Bowtell.

That scenario set up Kirton's winning shot in the shootout followed by Paradise's missed attempt.

The loss drops the Sea Wolves (31-28-5) into 10th place in the Southern Conference of the ECHL. The playoffs start at the end of this month and only the top ten teams from the Southern and Northern Conferences will make the cut.

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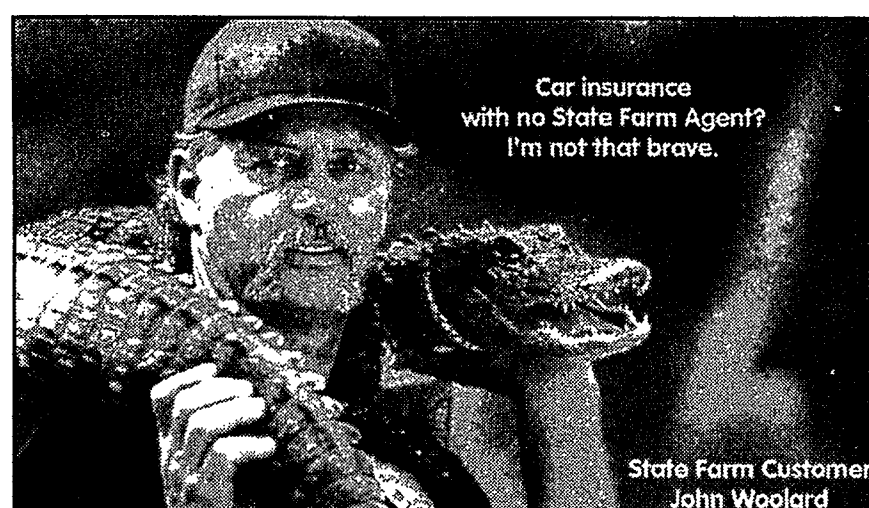
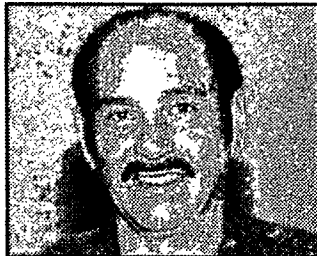
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Anglers from as far away as Hawaii, California and Colorado will come to the Gulf Coast, recently named a top 20 worldwide fishing destination by *Saltwater Sportsman*.

Since its inception five years ago, the Billfish Classic has grown to become the largest billfish tournament on the Gulf Coast.

Tournament coordinator Bill McLellan cites the blue water, offshore rigs and a first place prize of \$100,000 as attractive features of Mississippi's Gulf Coast tournament.

"Combine that with the excitement of the casinos, the excellent restaurants, and

Southern hospitality and you have a winning environment for a successful billfishing tournament," McLellan said.

While blue marlin do earn the top dollar in the billfish classic with \$50,000 going to second place and \$25,000 to third, prize money is also awarded in the categories of tuna, wahoo, and dolphin as well as a special "tag and release" prize and trophy. Much of the catch will be cleaned and donated to Fishes and Loaves, a Coast charity kitchen.

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St. Paul Carnival Association Ball 2001

The Krewe of Christian celebrating its 71st year and staged its annual carnival ball Feb. 24 at the West Harrison County Community Center. This year's theme was "Places That We Go."

Presented was a typical Southern scene replete with sailboat, sea life, palm trees and a lighthouse, all sparkling with tiny white lights.

To each side of the stage were the flags of Christian, designed and made by Julia Cerra since 1963.

Reigning over the Mardi Gras festivities as King Christian LXXI was Kevin W. Gallagher.

Introducing His Majesty was the evening's master of ceremonies, Gene Rogers.

Presenting King Christian to his loyal subjects was the Ball Captain. The identity of the Ball Captain is a secret known only to krewe officers.

Pages to His Majesty were Andrew Gallagher, son of King Christian LXXI and Diane Matkin Gallagher; Morey Wood, son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles G. Wood; Zachary Cobb, son of Robert and Debbie Cobb; and Cameron Hayden James, son of Anne James.

Proceeding at a regal pace to the throne, King Christian LXXI greeted his subjects and former royalty. Awaiting him, were King Christian LXX John Ulrich and Queen Kathy Rogers.

The Ball Captain introduced Royal Court Maid Kellie Gallagher Ziegler, escorted by Duke Robert Cobb; Maid Heather Marvil Rhodes, escorted by Duke John Rhodes; Maid Ginger Worth, escorted by Duke Larry Henderson; Maid Michelle Lassabe, escorted by Duke Carl Lassabe.

Also, Maid Julie Bosley, escorted by Duke David Bosley; Maid Shirley Niolet, escorted by Duke Scott Niolet; Maid Robin Bradley Warren, escorted by Duke Kenneth Ray Warren, Jr.; Maid Jennifer Keel Burke, escorted by Duke Michael Burke, Jr.; Maid Wendy Allard, escorted by Duke Richard Allard; and Maid Monique French, escorted by Duke Jack Clark.

After each couple was presented to King Christian, they took their appointed places to await the entrance of Her Royal Majesty Queen Christiana, Yvette Reid Allen, escorted by her husband, David Allen.

Accompanying Queen Christiana on her procession to the royal throne, where her king awaited, were Little Maids Stephanie Nicole Allen, daughter of David Allen and Queen Christiana, Yvette R. Allen; Brittany Danielle French, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie French, III; Emily Nicole McDermott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo "Chipper" McDermott; and Alexandra Phares, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Phares.

Members of the Floor

Committee Frank P. Wittmann, III, Philip Wittmann, McCall Schuff and Jim Guneau assisted Her Majesty.

While the orchestra played Mardi Gras music, King Christian LXXI and Queen Christiana greeted their subjects.

In keeping with tradition, the royal couple was then entertained by the Diane Desporte Dancers.

Introductions of visiting Long Beach royalty King George Payne and Queen Brenda Chapman were made by the master of ceremonies.

Also presented were prior Pass Christian royalty present at this year's ball and the Grand Marshal for the 2001 parade, Dave Dennis, chairman of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce, where he serves as volunteer executive director.

Master of Ceremonies Rogers then introduced St. Paul Carnival Association President Deborah Fournier for her presentation of gifts and introductions of honored guests.

Following the gift presentation the Ball Captain directed

of the Ball Captain.

The 2001 St. Paul Carnival Association Board of Directors are President Deborah Fournier, Secretary Julie Howard, Treasurer Jennifer Burke, Trustee Renee Phares, Trustee Heather Rhodes, Trustee Robin Warren, Pastor Father Dennis Carver, Principal Jack Clark and Publicity Chairman Kathy James.

King Christian LXXI Kevin W. Gallagher is a DeLisle native and married to the former Diane Matkin. The couple has five children.

Gallagher is employed with Dupont. He is a member of St. Paul Carnival Association and has participated in the St. Paul Carnival parade for 26 years, where he has won numerous awards for float competition. He is the son of John and Betty Jones Gallagher of DeLisle.

Queen Christiana Yvette Reid Allen is a lifelong resident of Pass Christian. She is married to David Allen, and they are the parents of two children, Stephanie and Jonathan, both students at St. Paul School.

Allen is a member of St. Paul Parish, St. Paul Carnival

Hayden and the Outlaws; second, Gallagher's Unlimited; third, Krewe of L'Adnir.

* Family out of town: first, Simpson Family and Friends; second, Krewe of Phantasia; third, Krewe of Rowdy Revelers

* Business in town: first, Jenkin's Krewe and Bo 2; second, Krewe of Carpenters

* Business out of town: first, Beau Rivage Resort and Casino; second, Krewe of Grand

* Best overall: Krewe of Cameron

* Organization in town: first, Krewe of Hidden Treasures; second, Krewe of No Name

* Organization out of town: first, Krewe of Kinski; second, Krewe of Castaways

* Live music on float: first, Krewe of Kars; second, Moving-On-Up

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King Christian LXXI, Kevin W. Gallagher and Queen Christiana, Yvette Reid Allen

the court to begin the traditional Grand March before the reigning royalty.

Following the Grand March was the Dance of the Royal Court for His Majesty's pleasure. After the court dance were the "call-out-dances" which signal the end of the ball's formal ceremonies, followed by the exit

Association and serves on the St. Paul School Board. She is associated with All South Electric, a family-owned business. She is the daughter of Eddie and Mildred (ZuZu) Reid of Pass Christian.

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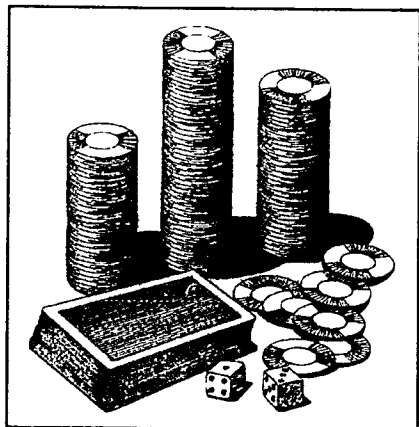
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Juried arts competition

There is a call for entries from the Quill and Kiln 2001 National Multi-media Juried Arts Competition with \$4,000 in prizes to be awarded.

The exhibition is open to any artist residing in the United States 18 years or older. All work must be original and must have been created since January 1, 2000.

Entry fee is \$25 (non-refundable) which entitles the artist to enter up to three 35 mm slides of their work.

Juror will be internationally known potter Peter Callas of Belvidere, N.J.

CALENDAR
August 1, 5 p.m.

Absolute deadline for hand-delivered receipt of slides, entry form and SASE.

September 1
Accepted/declined notifications mailed. Slides of declined work returned.

October 12
Absolute deadline for accepted work to be delivered to OOMA, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

October 20
Exhibition opens 6-8 p.m.
January 2 and 3
Pick up hand-delivered work, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The prospectus for the competition will be mailed in early May. Additional copies may be obtained by contacting The Ohr - O'Keefe Museum of Art at 228.374.5547.

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\$100.00 non-refundable pre-registration deposit deadline is April 7.

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\$450.00 workshop fee after April 23 is due upon registration. All attendees must be workshop participants.

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CAMPBELL'S CABINETS FOR ALL your cabinet needs. Free estimates & delivery. Call Chip Prevou 466-1615 or 467-9395.

CERAMIC TILE: INTERCERAMIC, summitville, dal, kpt, lafin. 500,000 sq. ft. in stock. Attention: Builders, floormen, special prices. 88¢ sq. ft. to \$1.80 sq. ft. (600)233-6702. Floor Store, Slidell, 1725 Cause Blvd. off I-10, next to Smith & Jones Blvd.

METAL ROOFING/SIDING - 6 COLORS galv. to 24ft. length. 38" wide-28" galv., 99¢ ft. Colors. \$1.19 ft. V-crimp & corrug. 64¢ ft. Ridge cap, rake, & corner, purins \$1.00 ft. Roofing/Siding from \$14.90 sq. Warehouse Sales, Slidell, La Exit 263 I-10. (900)842-6646.

90 Pets

REGISTERED WALKER FOX HOUND PUPPIES. Eight weeks old. 1st shots. \$50 each. 228-392-6847.

93 Yard Sale

110 TARPON, GARDEN ISLES. 8 A.M.-3 P.M. Friday and Saturday, March 16-17.

518 ESPLANADE, CLOTHES, FURNITURE, also Harley Davidson parts & helmets. 9:00-4:00p.m. March 17 & 18.

BIG PORCH SALE: 6168 W. KEMPER ST. in BaySide Park. Lot's of everything. Fri & Sat. 10-11.

GARAGE SALE: 3 FAMILY, SAT. MARCH 17, 8AM-11AM, Idlewood Sub., 115 Yarborough Place.

MOVING SALE: 8-4:30 SAT. MARCH 17TH, 1010 Lincoln Drive off Longfellow.

MOVING SALE: SAT. MARCH 17TH 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m. rain or shine. 104 Barkley Dr. (just off Hwy 90 Beach), Pass Christian. Furniture, collectibles, washer, dryer, refrig, freezer, dishes, b.r. sets and much more.

RAGGEDY ANN & ANDY, SPRING/summer children's clothing sale, 502 Seube St. BSL Thursday 15th, Friday 16th, 8am-4pm. Saturday 17th, 8am-12pm. Call Marcy 467-5691 for more info. Baby clothes galore.

SATURDAY 9-11 CHERRY LANE ST. IN BSL Table & chairs, entertainment center, sofa sleeper & love-seat, iron bed, small appliances, bike, many more quality items.

93 Yard Sale

YARD SALE: MARCH 17, 7A.M. 106 GRASS Street, Waveland. Household and baby items, exercise equipment, guitar, dryer, vacuum cleaner, clothes, priced to sell.

96 Wanted To Buy

ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, TOOLS, dolls, furniture. One piece or house full. Call 467-2628 days.

I BUY & APPRAISE ANTIQUES & ART. Confidentiality assured. 228-324-1296.

QUICK CASH FOR ALMOST ANYTHING before yard sale hassle, moving or cleaning out. We buy households, furniture, antique, tools, toys, bric-brac, etc. Piece or house full. No answer leave message. 467-4857.

WE BUY OLD WATCHES, WRIST & pocket, rings, gold, estate pieces, musical instruments, \$Cash\$ Bayou Jewelers. 466-0425.

126 Campers/Motor Homes

19' CLASS B MOTOR HOME 1988 FORD Econoline, 65K miles, well maintained, see at 108 Market St. Waveland MS.

128 Boats & Motors

16' KINGFISHER WITH TROLLING motor and trailer, \$750. 467-6410.

93 SUNBIRD 90 JOHNSON MOTOR LOW hours, many extras. \$5500. 466-2911.

136 Automobiles

1987 BLACK BMW 325I CONVERTIBLE, 180K miles, \$2,500. 466-4484.

1988 LINCOLN TOWNCAR RUNS. NEEDS transmission work. \$1100. or best offer. 586-2232.

1990 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE, GOOD condition, \$2,300. (504)649-0015 or (504)645-7812.

1994 MITSUBISHI 3000 GT, SL, RED with black leather interior, sunroof, V-6, sport mode, excellent condition \$10,500. 463-0831, 467-3408. Ask for Missy.

1997 BUICK LASABRE, 39,000 MILES, new tires, must sell. \$10,500. 255-3251.

73 SS ELCAMINO, BODY ONLY, \$600obo. 75 Lova, body only \$300 obo. Call 466-9409, leave message.

96 HONDA PRELUDE, EXCELLENT condition, \$6,500. 601-798-1145.

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following vehicles will be sold 30 days after the first publication:

1991 Hyundai Excel
VIN#KMHVD12J6MU093980
1989 Chrysler New Yorker
VIN#1C3BC4638KD459625
1986 Nissan Pulsar
VIN#JN1MN2451GM033900
1981 Chevy Caprice
VIN#1G1AN69K7BJ266229
1986 Olds Cutlass
VIN#1G3AJ37R2GD441042

The following vehicles will be sold 30 days on or after the first publication:

BULLDOG TOWING, INC
9028 LADNER STREET
BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39520
228-467-3287
3/15; 03/22/01

AUTO INSURANCE WITH MONTHLY PAYMENTS as low as \$24. Call Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607 or 467-1152.

MOVING! MUST SELL! 1991 NISSAN SENTRA XE, A/C cassette, automatic, 117,000 miles, great shape in/out, \$3,000. 452-1860.

138 Trucks, Vans

1986 GMC JIMMY with motor \$600. Also a 1979 Ford Fairmont \$200. Call 467-0044.

1994 JEEP CHEROKEE, 128K MILES, new exhaust and tires, 4 speed, 4 cyl., very clean. \$4,500. 466-4484.

1995 CHEVY LUMINA VAN, FULLY loaded, 8 passenger, keyless entry. \$4900. 467-2333.

143 Real Estate Services

"All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis."

145 Roommates Wanted

SHARE TRAILER, LOCATED @ WHEEL Inn Trailer Park. \$350/mo. Including all utilities. 467-7678.

146 Rooms For Rent

HOUSEHOLD LIVE-IN, INCLUDES furnished room, utilities, 900 channel t.v., w/d, & phone. Call: Dean 466-9058 \$350/mo. BSL area.

147 Apartments For Rent

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT FOR RENT, \$200/month, all utilities paid. 463-0108.

1 BEDROOM APT. CENTRAL air/heat near Old Town, B.S.L. \$325/month plus deposit. 467-0792.

1 BEDROOM APT. FOR RENT. \$350/mo. \$150/dep. 467-6997.

1/BR. FURNISHED APT. CENTRAL A/H A.J. 467-8401.

1/BR. VERY NICE, QUIET, ALL UTILITIES paid, free cable T.V. \$525/mo. or \$145/wk. 466-4970.

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, \$432/MONTH, 467-9278.

2BR, 1-1/2BA, 2 STORY TOWNHOUSE near beach. All electric, includes all kitchen appliances, washer/dryer, 1 year lease. \$650/month, \$650/damage deposit. Pet-free. 466-4430.

CHARMING 1 AND 2 BEDROOM APTS. Near beach. 467-6742.

FURNISHED 2 BEDROOM, Beach view upper deck. \$500/month plus utilities. 466-0509.

FURNISHED WATERFRONT APARTMENT, includes: electric, cable, telephone, water sewer, trash pick-up. \$175/wk. + deposit. 463-0036.

LARGE 1/BR. COTTAGE, FURNISHED, boat-dock, pool, near Casino Magic. \$525/month, \$300/deposit. 467-5628 or 388-4501.

NICE 3/BR, 2/BA, TOWNHOUSE WITH patio. \$585/mo. 467-3388.

OAK PARK APARTMENTS in Waveland 2 bedroom apartments at \$495. Call about our specials plus 10% off seniors 55 and over. 467-6862.

SIGNATURE LAKE APARTMENTS. Finally a 1/br. apartment home available. Call about free rent. 452-9901.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

1/BR, TRAILER, STOVE & REFRIGERATOR, on private lot, one mile past alligator sign on Hwy 90. \$300/mo. \$100/dep. 467-3827.

2 BEDROOM TRAILER FOR RENT, near Kiln. 255-5529.

2 BEDROOM/1 BATH, PET-FREE Environment. \$400/month, \$400/deposit. Inside newly remodeled. Good location. 467-6176.

2/BR, 1/BA, HEAT & AIR, CARPET, GOOD location, Waveland. \$325/mo. deposit required. 504-286-3819. Leave message on recorder.

25 FT. CAMPER TRAILER, COMPLETELY furnished, cable, lights, off Lakeshore Rd. near beach. \$100 a week. Dep. Pet-free. 467-2665.

3BR UNFURNISHED & 2BR FURNISHED. Laundry. Cable available. Free water, sewer, lawn care. Pet-free environment! Close to Stennis and Port Bienville. Pearlport, MS 228-533-7001

FOR RENT 14X70 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH mobile home. Total electric, partially furnished with all appliances. \$400/month, \$150/deposit. Dummy line Road. 255-7288.

LIKE NEW TRAILER FOR RENT: DEPOSIT & rent. 467-4871.

NICE TRAILER FOR RENT, UTILITIES paid. \$125 deposit, \$125 week. 466-0315.

SMALL 1B, 1B WATERFRONT. Clean, a/c/heat, pet-free, smoke-free. \$285/month, \$200/deposit. Saltfish Realty, 466-9947.

149 Mobile Homes For Sale

FOR SALE: 2/BR, 12X60 TRAILER \$3,000. Leave message. 466-0879.

INSURANCE FOR YOUR MOBILE HOMES: Best prices on the coast. Easy monthly payments. Call Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607 or 467-1152.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, \$525/MONTH, 467-9278.

2 BEDROOM/1 BATH ON CANAL: Central heat/air, fenced, boat slip and dock. \$595/month, references & deposit required. 228-255-1537.

2/BR, 1/BA, FORMAL D/R CAN BE MADE into bedroom. Fenced yard. \$600/mo. + deposit. Waveland. 255-9375.

2B/1B DUPLEX, CARROLL AVE. Quiet location, block to beach, central a/c/heat, stove, ref., washer/dryer, \$450/month, \$400/deposit. 2B/2B COTTAGE near beach, 1100 sq. ft., stove, ref., dishwasher, central a/c/heat, hook-ups, Pet-smoke free. Saltfish Realty, 466-9947.

3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH HOUSE in De-deaux community. \$500/month plus deposit. Call (601) 798-9860 after 6 PM.

3/BR, 2/BA, IN WAVELAND, VERY CLEAN, w/d hook-ups, big yard. \$650/mo. \$650/dep. 467-7023. After 5pm.

3BR, 2BA, UTILITIES, washer/dryer. Safe area, close to beach. Large fenced yard, \$675/month. 466-9841

BAYSIDE PARK: 2BR, LR/DR COMBO, utility room, kitchen w/dishwasher, refrigerator, stove, fireplace, ceramic floors, Carport, driveway, fenced yard w/gazebo. References required. 2 year lease. \$450/deposit, \$450/month. 504-362-0065.

COTTAGER BSL AREA: 1/BR, 1/BA, quiet neighborhood on private property. \$450/mo. utilities included, \$250/deposit. 467-2449 380-2449.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

DIAMONDHEAD: 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, great room, den, washer/dryer, fireplace, very clean. Pet-free environment. \$825/month plus deposit. 467-7845.

DIAMONDHEAD: LIKE NEW, 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, open floor plan, lots of windows, \$835/month. Call Marilyn 255-7711, 255-3550.

FOR LEASE: NEW 3BR, 2-1/2 bath duplex, B.S.L. \$850/month. 2BR, 1BA in the County, \$550/month. Call Chari @ Century 21 McIntyre-Rapp. 467-3777.

HOUSE FOR RENT IN WAVELAND. 2 bedrooms in nice neighborhood. \$500 a month plus deposit. 467-8352.

HOUSE FOR RENT: 13 MONTH LEASE. \$450/month, \$450/deposit. Pet-free. Centrally located in Waveland. 263-9317.

HOUSE IN DIAMONDHEAD: GREAT shape 3/bedroom, 2/bath, new paint, new stove, refrigerator. Call 255-8754.

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA. From \$750 PER month. Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

151 Furn. House Rent

NEW 1/BR, FURNISHED HOUSE 1/2 MILE from Walmart. \$425/mo. 466-6420.

156 Lots/Acreage

2 CORNER LOTS, PAVED ROAD near Highway 90, Business District, B.S.L. \$6,500 neg. 467-9398.

50X100 WATERFRONT LOT, ASKING \$10,000. 255-6566.

DIAMONDHEAD: 9.678 ACRES FOR SALE. Development site for 164 units as Condominiums, Multi-family, or Retirement Housing Facility. Owner Financing Available. Ellis Realty Group, 102 West Beach Blvd. Pass Christian, MS 39571 (228)452-9999.

FOR SALE: DIAMONDHEAD MAIN CHANNEL waterfront lot 105' on water one of few remaining. \$195,000. 504-643-0378.

JORDAN RIVER SHORES: NEAR PUBLIC boat launch, paved street, all utilities. Clubhouse privileges, owner financing available. Only \$100.00 down. 228-467-5734.

LARGE, HIGH, DRY, LOT: FANTASTIC area, Waveland, All utilities. Own financing available, \$250.00 down, terms to fit your budget. 228-467-5734.

LOTS FOR SALE ON WEBB ST. 150X150, walking distance to beach, Oaks and Azaleas. \$30,000. 466-4977.

WATERFRONT LOT: HURRY, ONLY \$7,900. Shoreline Park, paved street, sewage available, 100' down. Owner financing? 228-467-5734.

158 Commercial Property

1,000' SQUARE FT. RENOVATED OFFICE space available: For more information call 466-4848.

7 ACRES JUST OUTSIDE DIAMONDHEAD adjacent to new storage facility and office plaza. Will sell all or part. 255-0403

COMMERCIAL 24X40 BUILDING, Ideal for office or small business. New air/heat unit. \$500/rent plus utilities. \$400/damage deposit. 1/4 mile from Waveland Shopping Center located on Hwy 90. 467-6117.

COMMERCIAL BLDG. BEHIND BLDG. at 910 Hwy 90 Waveland, access to yard and bldg. on Camelia Street. Approx. 2000 sq. ft. \$400 per month plus deposit. 467-7678.

DOCTOR OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE 1200 sq. ft. next to Hancock Medical Center. \$850/mo. 467-8392 467-5516.

FOR LEASE: 5,000 SQ. FT. BUILDING, Hwy 90. 466-0033-0193.

NEW COMMERCIAL OFFICE BUILDING for rent just behind Diamondhead. Corner of Kapalama and Tina Lander Road. \$400/per month. 255-0403.

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE: HWY 90 1200 sq. ft. Call 467-4437 467-5516.

159 Houses For Sale

\$130,000. 2 year old home, great neighborhood for kids. Open floor plan 3bdrm., 2-1/2 baths, covered carport, laundry room, covered back porch, deadend street, close to schools and shopping. 242 Pine Drive, Bay St. Louis. Serious inquiries only. 466-9068, leave message.

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, HOUSE IN COUNTRY, high no flooding, owner agent to sell. 466-2852.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, OFFICE, EXERCISE, pool, garage, 2256'. Fenced corner lot & garden. \$75,000. 467-1863. Call for appointment.

4/BR, 2/BA, SURROUNDED BY CASINO Magic golf course, close to everything, appraised at \$135,000. Owner/agent. 467-6093.

New Custom Built 4 Bedroom Home
\$142,000 (2443 sq. ft.)
Located in exclusive Idlewood Subdivision, Waveland.
For appointment call:
Garcia & Sons Development
467-3601(Philip) or
341-3601 (Jason).

159 Houses For Sale

WATERFRONT - \$75,800
Minutes to Fourteen River on canal, 3BR/2BA, w/bonus room, 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5B, 6B, 7B, 8B, 9B, 10B, 11B, 12B, 13B, 14B, 15B, 16B, 17B, 18B, 19B, 20B, 21B, 22B, 23B, 24B, 25B, 26B, 27B, 28B, 29B, 30B, 31B, 32B, 33B, 34B, 35B, 36B, 37B, 38B, 39B, 40B, 41B, 42B, 43B, 44B, 45B, 46B, 47B, 48B, 49B, 50B, 51B, 52B, 53B, 54B, 55B, 56B, 57B, 58B, 59B, 60B, 61B, 62B, 63B, 64B, 65B, 66B, 67B, 68B, 69B, 70B, 71B, 72B, 73B, 74B, 75B, 76B, 77B, 78B, 79B, 80B, 81B, 82B, 83B, 84B, 85B, 86B, 87B, 88B, 89B, 90B, 91B, 92B, 93B, 94B, 95B, 96B, 97B, 98B, 99B, 100B, 101B, 102B, 103B, 104B, 105B, 106B, 107B, 108B, 109B, 110B, 111B, 112B, 113B, 114B, 115B, 116B, 117B, 118B, 119B, 120B, 121B, 122B, 123B, 124B, 125B, 126B, 127B, 128B, 129B, 130B, 131B, 132B, 133B, 134B, 135B, 136B, 137B, 138B, 139B, 140B, 141B, 142B, 143B, 144B, 145B, 146B, 147B, 148B, 149B, 150B, 151B, 152B, 153B, 154B, 155B, 156B, 157B, 158B, 159B, 160B, 161B, 162B, 163B, 164B, 165B, 166B, 167B, 168B, 169B, 170B, 171B, 172B, 173B, 174B, 175B, 176B, 177B, 178B, 179B, 180B, 181B, 182B, 183B, 184B,

Community Services

Adult Literary Education
The Hancock County Library System sponsors an Adult Literacy Education Program at the Waveland Library Literacy Center, 333 Coleman Avenue, Waveland.

Classes provided include GED, basic skills, reading one-on-one, reading classes and more.

Day classes are Monday through Thursday. Evening classes are Mondays and Thursdays.

To register or for information, call Donna Hutchings at 467-9240.

ACOA and Al-Anon
ACOA and Al-Anon meet at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 5303 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead Thursdays at 8 p.m.. For information call 255-9213.

Al-Anon/BSL
Al-Anon, Bay St. Louis chapter, meets Monday and Friday at 8 p.m. at 300 Third Street, Bay St. Louis.

Al-Anon is designed for families and friends who are affected by someone else's drinking. For information, call 466-5780.

American Cancer Society
Assistance to victims of cancer is available through Hancock and Harrison County chapters of the American Cancer Society.

Necessary items for patients, such as dressings, ostomy and sickroom supplies are available to those in need. Equipment which may be loaned to patients includes wheelchairs and hospital beds.

Assistance is available for transportation to qualifying hospitals.

Several rehabilitation programs are offered, including "Reach To Recovery", in which volunteers who have had mastectomies visit new breast cancer patients (with approval of physician) to assist in emotional, physical and psychological rehabilitation.

Battered Women
Free counseling is offered for Hancock County women suffering from emotional or physical abuse. Gwen Beck, outreach coordinator with Gulf Coast Women's Center, is available each Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon at the Hancock County Youth Court building on Court Street.

All cases are confidential. Call 435-1968 collect for appointment.

The Gulf Coast Women's Center, a United Way agency, also offers an advocacy program for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. A 24-hour crisis line is available by calling 1-800-800-1396.

Bay-Waveland Overeaters HOW Group
Bay-Waveland Overeaters HOW group meets every Tuesday, 7-8 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center's meeting room.

The HOW group is a discipline plan of eating using the 12 steps and 12 traditions for support.

There are no dues or fees. The group is self supporting through their own contributions.

For information, contact Ann at 467-6254.

Blood Pressure
Retired Senior Volunteer Program sponsors free blood pressure on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 77, on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

Hancock Medical Center Women's Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) conducts free blood pressure testing at the hospital, 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

CASA
(Court Appointed Special Advocate)

Volunteers are needed to speak up for an abused or neglected child. Be a child's voice. Call 467-7945.

DivorceCare
DivorceCare recovery seminar and support group meets at Bayou View Baptist Church, 4709 Chamberlain Avenue, Gulfport, each Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Child care provided through fifth grade.

DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics, including "Facing Your Anger," "Facing Your Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," "KidCare" and "Forgiveness."

For information, call 228-896-7053 or visit the website at www.Bayouview.org.

The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse

The Family Child Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse is looking for volunteers and teen mentors.

For information on how you can help prevent child abuse or help a child, call 868-8686.

Also, free parenting classes will be offered at the center, 327 Sheldor Square, Bay St. Louis, for nine weeks, covering self-esteem, communication skills, discipline, household management and child development.

Call 463-0000 for details or reservations.

Grieving Support Group

A Wholesome Grieving Support Group will meet every second Wednesday, of the month 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Hancock Senior Care Office in Bay West Professional Center, 1011 Hwy. 90, across from the Waffle House. The meetings are free of charge.

For information, call Edmond Fahey Funeral Home at 467-9031 or Hancock Senior Care at 467-4675.

Hancock County Humane Society

Humane Society meetings are held quarterly on the third Sunday at 3 p.m. at Jolly Rogers Printing, Hwy. 90.

All are welcome. For information, call 467-7686 Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Hancock Co. NAACP

The Hancock County Branch NAACP meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Valena C. Jones United Methodist Church (fellowship hall), Sycamore Street, Bay St. Louis.

Genevieve Gordon, president, 467-6040.

Homework Assistance Program

A Homework Assistance Program is being offered to Hancock County students through the Save Our Children Center at 405 Necaise Street in Bay St. Louis, 3:30-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

For registration information, call the center at 466-0401.

Hope Haven

Hope Haven meetings are every third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at 126 Court Street, Youth Court Building, Bay St. Louis.

Money Management

The Consumer Money Management Center serves the public by providing free financial consultations as well as informational literature and seminars for employers, educational institutions and civic and professional groups.

Information and assistance from the center relates to various aspects of personal money management including budgeting, credit repayment, insurance, and investments.

The service is sponsored by

Mississippi State University and Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service. To set up an appointment call Hancock County Extension Office, 467-5456.

Parenting Classes

Free parenting classes will be offered in Hancock County at RSVP (Old City Hall, Bay St. Louis) for nine weeks, covering self-esteem, communications skills, nutrition, household management, discipline, child development and more.

Call Kat Fitzpatrick at Family Child Center for details or reservations, 868-8686.

Parkinson Support Group

The public is invited to all meetings of the Parkinson Support Group, which are held the second Sunday at 2 p.m. at Garden Park Community Hospital in Gulfport. For information, call 863-2929 or 467-0307.

Save Our Children

The Hancock County Task Force of Save Our Children will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. every first Monday of the month at the center, 405 Necaise Street, Bay St. Louis.

For details, call Geraldine Lang at 467-9586.

Seizure Disorder Support Group

Those who suffer from a seizure disorder and need the support of people who know what that means, may join the Kim Berglund Seizure Disorder Support Group. No pressure, no judgment.

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Classroom Trailer I at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

Call 865-3421 for details.

St. Vincent Thrift Store

St. Clare Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul operates a thrift store, City Hall Annex, Coleman Avenue. It is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 until 3, and Saturday, 10 a.m. until noon.

All proceeds benefit the needy regardless of race or religion. An information and referral service is available from 1:30 until 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday. For additional information, call 467-0703.

Senior Citizens

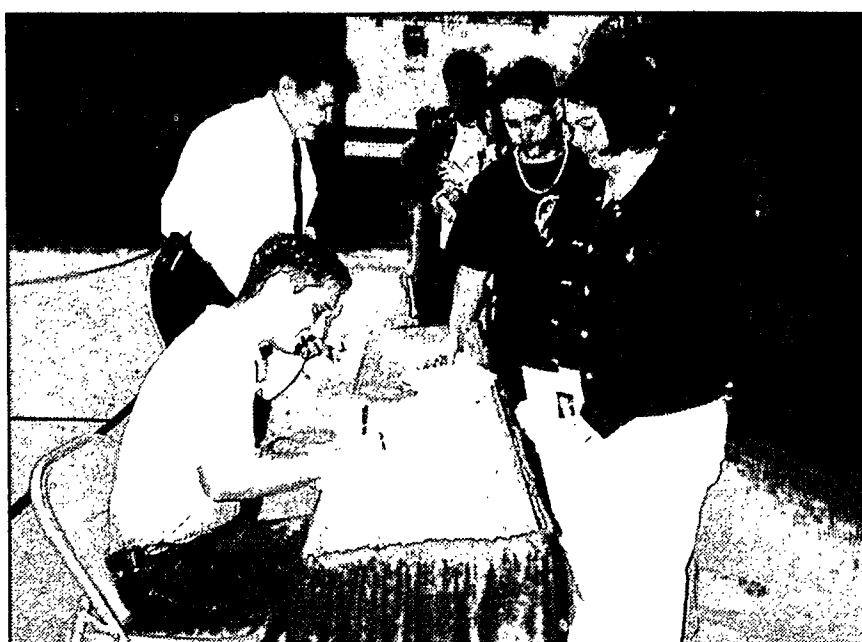
Located on the corner of Bookter and St. Frances streets, the center serves Hancock County citizens 60 plus years of age.

Under the Hancock County Human Resource Agency, the center provides classes in art, ceramics, framing, counted cross stitch, crochet, plastic canvas, shirt decorating, quilting and sewing.

There is also information and referral, counseling, entertainment and recreational field trips and health care services. Transportation is provided through a contract with Coast Transit Authority to the center or to the local doctor, grocery store, bill paying, etc.

The center has a contract to provide frozen home delivered meals to 50 homebound seniors each week and serves 20 hot meals at the center four days a week under a statewide food contract with Valley Foods. In addition, a potluck lunch is served on Friday prepared by the staff. A morning snack is provided with donations from local clubs, churches and individuals. AAA contracts with Lifeline for one full-time homemaker for about two hours per week for needy seniors to do light housekeeping or errands for them.

For information, call the center at 467-9292 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.



Career speaker at Hancock Middle

Jason Dorsey (seated) signs a copy of his book, *Graduate to your Perfect Job*, while several Hancock High students look on. All Hancock High seniors and Hancock Middle School 8th graders received a copy of the book while enjoying a visit from this inspirational and motivational speaker. Dorsey, one of the most highly sought-after youth and education speakers in America, travels the world to bring his enthusiastic and can-do attitude to over 65,000 teenagers each year. *Graduate to your Perfect Job*, with integrated teacher curriculum, provides youthful insight and practical examples for determining, understanding and achieving career goals. The Hancock County School District's School-to-Careers grant and Pearl River Community College Tech Prep sponsored the event.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

TOPS MS 307 Waveland met Wednesday, Feb. 28 at the Waveland Public Library with 10 members present.

Rhonda was the week's best loser with 3 pounds. Paula was top KOPS. Rhonda received the incentive award, and Jeri received the raffle.

New member Bobby was welcomed. Desare presented a program on sleep. Election of new officers will take place March 7.

The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are 4:30-5:15 p.m. with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight is welcome to visit the chapter. Call Paula at 467-0420 for information.

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